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Tax increase to pay for 'anti-austerity' budget

TOWN councillors have backed proposals for an "anti-austerity" budget, pledging to protect local services under pressure from government cutbacks.

But residents will have to foot the bill, with council tax for the average Band 'D' ratepayer set to rise by more than four per cent – a move that could still be subject to a local referendum.

Councillors said they had been "derailed" by changes to the budget-setting process, which meant they were "held to ransom" by the government.

Ministers could yet decide to 'cap' council tax rises at two per cent, with any proposals for more

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drastic increases forced to be put to a public vote. A decision is expected later this month.

But in the meantime, town councillors have opted to back proposals for a 4.32 per cent increase, designed to ensure a balanced budget for the year ahead and enable the council to protect important public services.

Under the plans, council tax for the average Band 'D' ratepayer will increase by 13p a week – an annual rise of just under £7.

Without increasing tax contributions, the council will face a deficit of just over £20,000.

One councillor said members had been "held to ransom" by the government, which is currently deciding whether or not to make a significant change in council tax legislation that would alter the proposals.

If the town council is told it must hold a referendum on the tax rise, it would revert to an alternative option for a smaller 1.95 per cent increase – 6p a week for a Band 'D' property – in order to avoid a

costly polling process. Councillor Martin Ray said the council's finance committee had unanimously agreed that it did not want a referendum "under any circumstances" because of the extra cost, expected to be around £8,000.

Council leader Sarah Williams added: "To have a referendum straight after the election would be a really bad option.

"The government has strung this on us at the last minute after the budgets of other town and parish councils have been accepted. We need to make sure we are safe in Bridport."

As the government's austerity measures bite further down the chain of local government, the town council is among hundreds of ground-level authorities nationwide that are being asked to take on greater responsibility.

This year Bridport Town Council will take on grass verge cutting duties and will need to employ extra staff to carry out the work, while its financial support from both the district and county authorities is being reduced.

The town council could also be asked to step in and cover the cost of other district council services currently under review.

Councillor Ros Kayes said the proposals amounted to an "anti-austerity" budget, with further cuts threatening to affect the town's Citizens' Advice Bureau, tourist information centre and youth service.

"When the council tax is raised, I hope the people of Bridport – and the usual people who stand up and criticise – will recognise that we have done the responsible thing with intention to retain those services."

Councillor David Tett added: "No one gets any pleasure in increasing tax but at the same time we do have a responsibility to balance the books."

"This year our council tax support has been cut by 25 per cent – therefore, we are having to find an extra £13,000."

"And due to the pressure on the budgets of both the district and county councils, we also have to take into consideration the increased commitments of the town council taking over some of the services."

Councillor Dave Rickard said ensuring a balanced budget would "give some resilience" to the council in the face of further spending cuts.

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MARJORIE Mulrooney is a local artist making new work and exploring experimental techniques and media. She studied Fine Art at Plymouth University and the University College of London and spent many years working and teaching in the UK, Europe and Sultanate of Oman. She settled in Dorset two years ago with her husband Hugh after running life-drawing workshops in France for eight years.

Megan Dunford was born and raised in Dorset and is the exhibitions assistant at Bridport Arts Centre. She studied a BTEC Diploma Foundation in Art and Technology at Somerset College before studying a Fine Art Painting Degree in Cardiff. Megan has since moved back to Dorset where she works for several local arts organisations.

They are currently joint curating an exhibition called 'CRE8' which will feature work from a group of eight women artists in West Dorset and will be on display at the Chapel in the Garden on east Street.

● **WHAT inspired you to work in art?**

Marjory: I have always been fascinated by the materials used in making art. From the age of eight when I was given my first 'real' box of paints - a lovely black metal box containing perfect little pans of watercolour with mysterious names like 'Rose Madder', 'Gamboge' and 'Viridian' - one of the main starting points for any work has been the material itself. In the past year, I have made pieces which have explored the rich, reflective qualities of graphite. So instead of using it as a pencil, I have made graphite itself the subject of the works, creating abstract, textural images. I am currently looking at other non-traditional materials and will be showing works made from tea bags, string and fishing line in forthcoming exhibitions.

Megan: Curating is becoming more and more of a fascination and a passion for me, so to be able to put on such an interesting exhibition at the Chapel in the Garden, with such an interesting mix of artists is brilliant! My work changes all the time, but I am mainly interested in abstract colour in the landscape and the contrast of surfaces/ materials next to each other. For this exhibition at the Chapel I will be making some new work that reflects the Women of the Wildcat Strike of 1912 and the struggle they had to go through to fight for their rights as Women.

● **COULD you tell me more about the upcoming exhibition 'CRE8'?**

Marjory: This show grew out of an involvement with the group of women who decided to recreate photographs taken in 1912 of the women workers at Gundry's who went on strike in protest at their wages being cut. They were among the first women in Britain to take action in order to better their working lot and the intention is to re-enact their protest on Saturday, February 14th starting in Bucky Doo Square and marching to the spot where they were photographed 103 years ago.

Megan and I will be among those taking part in the march as well as the exhibition, which is another way of celebrating the work of artists living and working in the Bridport area, who also happen to be women.



In a way it is a tribute to those women of 1912 who were such strong role models. There is much more information on the Bridport Wildcats - as they are known - online. Just google Bridport Wildcats. The photographs will be taken by Rachel Dunford who will also be showing work in the exhibition.

● **WHAT other art based projects have you done?**

Megan: I also work freelance as a visual art promoter and have worked on events such as Dorset Art Weeks, Dorset Art Fair and Bridport Open Studios. 'CRE8' is the first show I have curated without backing from an organisation or event, so very exciting and daunting.

Marjory: I have shown work in a number of countries including Oman, where I spent seven years working and teaching, and in France where I also ran life-drawing workshops for eight years. On returning to the UK, we settled in Penzance, Cornwall, where I showed work with the St Ives Society of Artists and in other gallery shows before moving to Bridport in May 2013. I collaborated in a group show at the Chapel in the Garden with Megan and three other artists in August

2014 as part of Bridport Open Studios.

● **BESIDES the upcoming exhibition, are you currently working on any other events and exhibitions?**

Megan: I have so many ideas for exhibitions or projects later this year, but nothing set in stone yet!

Marjory: I will be showing work in the foyer of the arts centre in June/July 2015, it will be a selection of my most recent works on paper and will be called 'Out of Line'.

● **IF you could live your life again, what would you be?**

Marjory: I have worked as a teacher in a number of countries besides the UK - mainly in Bulgaria, Germany and the Sultanate of Oman. If I hadn't become an artist I would have loved to be a musician. Musicians are welcomed wherever they go and I always regret that I never had an opportunity to learn to play an instrument. Of course if you are a singer you can travel light as you carry your instrument with you. That must be the best of all. However, I always wanted to be an artist and am perfectly happy to be able to share what I do with others. It never gets easier though!

Megan: I still feel like I have the rest of my life ahead of me as I am not yet 26. I agree with Marjory to be a musician would be fun, if not difficult at times. However if I had to start again, I would like to be born in a different country, somewhere along a warm coast in the Mediterranean. I love being outdoors and by the sea so this would suit me perfectly.

● **WHAT is the one thing you like most about working with art?**

Megan: It is never boring and you are always changing, adapting and learning.

'CRE8' will be at the Chapel in the Garden, East Street, from Tuesday, February 10th to Saturday, February 14th at 10am to 4pm and Sunday, February 15th from 12noon to 4pm. Visit www.cre8dorset.wordpress.com for more details.

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Vearse Farm process is 'anti-democratic'

DEVELOPERS plotting hundreds of new homes on the edge of Bridport have followed an "anti-democratic" path in failing to discuss their plans openly with residents, according to furious town councillors.

If the district council's Local Plan – a blueprint for future development of the district – is approved by an independent inspector, developer Hallam Land Management is likely to apply for permission to press ahead with proposals

for up to 760 new homes.

But councillors have blasted the "appalling" situation whereby the developer has been given "carte blanche to do what they want" without properly consulting the people of Bridport.

Town councillors have called for Hallam representatives to attend a meeting where they can be questioned on the proposals, as campaigners both for and against the development look for public support.

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"It is really imperative that we represent the concerns of different groups in Bridport who have their own particular stances on this, so we could actually bring them to the table," said Councillor Ros Kayes.

"It seems to me that when you get developers that are actually being tasked by a planning authority, there must be assurances that there will

be a consultation and people will be involved – but this actually has not happened, essentially giving the developers a carte blanche to do what they want."

According to the developer's submission papers, the new-look Vearse Farm could include a mix of housing, community facilities and substantial space for business units.

Hallam's planning statement identifies four separate 'character areas', with a 'green edge' offering a buffer between the estate and the A35.

Part of the statement underlines that the site is "extremely well located with jobs, healthcare, education, open space, shops and facilities all available within walking and cycling distance", and that the site can be developed "in a manner that respects the AONB designation".

But furious cam-

paigners, who submitted a petition containing 1,400 signatures at the Local Plan examinations before Christmas, believe Bridport's infrastructure will not be able to cope with the sudden increase in housing numbers.

Protestors claim that at least one in 10 people in Bridport are now behind their campaign for Vearse Farm to be wiped from the Local Plan document.

On the other side of the debate, the Future Bridport group argues that young people on low incomes will be driven out of the town if affordable housing opportunities are turned away.

Now councillors say they must be given the chance to quiz Hallam directly, in order to represent the views of angry residents on both sides of the argument.

Councillor Kayes added: "I just wonder whether the reason why they have not done it is because they have heard that the council has serious

process should have been in place long before now.

"I think we need to go back to the district council and make repeated claims that they have failed to consult before the master plan.

"Whilst a presentation at this stage will probably be a good thing, they should have come to us before now.

"They have put a lot of time and money into this ... but it is an appalling situation and we have got to stop them from pushing ahead and then coming to us when it is all decided. It is just not good enough."

League tables are 'not a true reflection', say heads

HEADTEACHERS have heralded the hard work and commitment of students over the last academic year as a "true reflection" of performance, following publication of the school league tables last week.

School heads in Bridport and Beaminster said the tables could not be compared to previous years' statistics because of the government's sweeping reforms to the examination system.

Colleges across the country reported so-called 'grade turbulence', as BTEC qualifications were removed from the assessment.

Exam 'resits' for key subjects were also stripped from the system, with only students' first-time marks counting towards the league tables, while speaking and listening tests were removed from English Language assessments.

Despite the challenging circumstances, students in Bridport and Beaminster achieved relatively high rankings within the local authority area.

The Sir John Colfox School was placed seventh in Dorset, with 62 per cent of GCSE students achieving the benchmark five A* to C grades.

Headteacher Kay Taylor said the figure would have been five per cent higher if the extra qualifications had been included.

"The performance tables this year cannot be compared to previous tables as there are several differences ... All this has led to considerable turbulence in the results," she said.

"Students, however, who achieved any of these qualifications were able to count

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them as GCSEs, which is the more important figure.

"In our case, when we included these qualifications, 67 per cent of our students achieved five A* to C grades, including English and Maths by August 2014. This is the real figure and represented the best results the school has ever had."

She added: "We have always believed that we should do what is right for students, not what the performance tables count. In 2014 our students worked exceptionally hard and produced excellent results, thanks to our dedicated and supportive staff. They

should be proud of all their achievements".

Beaminster School was ranked just outside Dorset's top 10 in 12th place, with 57 per cent achieving five A* to C grades.

Headteacher Keith Hales said he was concerned that the league tables system would "undermine" students' successes.

"We are delighted by the success of our students last summer," he said.

"The hard work and commitment of our students, staff and parents ensured that many of our students gained grades above and beyond expectations, and the progress that students make from Year Seven to Year 11 continues to be one of the real strengths of the school.

"However, I do worry that

the performance table headlines undermine these successes. Along with all secondary schools, Beaminster faced significant challenges with the restrictions on included qualifications and changes to the performance tables this year.

"A vast number of vocational qualifications, many taken by 25 of our students who attended college for one day per week, were excluded from the tables. But these qualifications were crucial to those students in securing a place at further education.

"They also mean that we have one of the lowest NEET – not in education, employment or training – figures in the country, a real measure of success for schools and a true reflection of the support that we provide for our students."

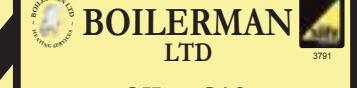


questions to ask – in which case, it seems to be a singularly anti-democratic pathway to take.

"It does concern me that the developers, especially when there is concern in the town, have still not acted on a requirement of the planning process – that they engage."

Council leader Sarah Williams endorsed the point, adding: "I think we should ask them to consult as widely as possible on something that is going to affect Bridport for centuries."

Councillor Dave Rickard said he supported the idea of hearing directly from Hallam, but that the



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Bus campaigners launch their users' manifesto

BUS campaigners took to the streets of Bridport last week to raise awareness of the service cuts to the X31 bus route.

Members of the Bus Action Group West Dorset have compiled a Bus Users' Manifesto in which they outline their demands for public transport, and this was unveiled to the public on Saturday (January 31st).

The manifesto is based upon what campaigners say are the legal responsibilities of the local authority, and highlights a number of ways in which councils, service users and commercial providers can work together to provide a bus service that is fit for purpose.

Campaigners want the document to be taken into account as part of the Dorset County Council's Holistic Transport Review, which is currently looking into how a range of options from school transport, transport to day centres and community transport can link into public transport services to provide a network which prevents rural isolation.

A campaign spokesperson for the group said: "Bus Action Group is a group of local people who are fed up with continual attacks on our bus services.

"Year on year valuable services which keep our communities connected disappear.

"Our Bus Users' Manifesto calls on Dorset County Council to live up to its responsibility for public transport and keep buses running on key routes.

"We believe that the public voice needs to be heard in deciding the way forward for public

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transport services in Dorset in the future. It shouldn't just be what the bureaucrats think. The needs of service users must be considered as part of Dorset County Council's responsibility to provide a functioning public transport network.

"If we don't get a seat at the table in the Holistic Transport Review then we would ask for this document at least to be considered."

Members of the Cartoon Action Theatre also performed a play to shoppers in Bucky Doo Square about cuts to the service, with characters representing First (the X31 bus operator), Dorset County Council, students using the service and concessionary fare passengers.

For more information on the group, search for Bus Action Group West Dorset on Facebook.



■ BUS campaigners and members of the Cartoon Action Theatre group launched a Bus Users' Manifesto and performed a play outlining the cuts to the X31 bus service for shoppers in Bridport on Saturday

New family history courses in Bridport

A TWO-day beginners' family history course is due to start on Wednesday, February 11th.

The course will cover births, deaths and marriages going back to 1837 and census records from 1911-1841.

It's ideal for those who want to start doing their family history research.

A two-day pre-1837 course is starting on Sunday, February 8th. This will look at parish

records, the Poor Law, wills and probate for those who have got back to the early 1800s and need help.

All courses run from 10am-4pm at Marsh Barn Farm, Burton Road, Bridport.

All materials are included in the course fee, with tea and real coffee provided. You should bring your own lunch however.

Two day courses are £50. A

series of one day courses are also planned for the spring.

The regular Wednesday classes start on February 25th.

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More Public First meetings

■ PUBLIC First Group of West Dorset's non-party-political campaign for local democracy is staging two new meetings, which I have been asked to chair, after our inaugural in Dorchester on January 7th drew a 270-person turnout.

Many had concerns about the lack of democracy in the local cabinet system of government, but some ten issues were raised. (Filmed excerpts are on www.publicfirstgroup.blogspot.co.uk).

The second meeting is at the Electric Palace, Bridport, at 7pm on Friday, February 20th.

The objectives are both to provide a forum for airing other ideas, and to discuss such issues as Dorset going unitary, bearing in mind Ernst & Young's projections of massive savings in other counties contemplat-

ing the merger of divisions of government into one.

Public First's third meeting will be at the Digby Hall, Sherborne, on the evening of Friday February 27th at 7:30pm.

It is again the public who will speak first, and most. We're inviting prospective parliamentary candidates from the five main parties as well as the Leader of West Dorset District Council.

The first meeting was truly inspirational, and I hope we will build upon it.

CLIVE STAFFORD SMITH,
Chairman, Public First Group

- THE group launch a petition in Dorchester this Saturday (Feb 7th) aimed at achieving a referendum on WDDC's local governance.

When at least five per cent of

the electors on West Dorset District Council's electoral roll are validated as having signed up to the petition, a referendum will be triggered, aimed at changing the district council's form of governance to a committee system.

"We believe this will be a much more open, inclusive and democratic system," says John Grantham, the Group's Secretary.

"We are launching a website on Wednesday at www.publicfirstgroup.co.uk and our planned schedule of street signing events will be given there.

"Certainly we aim to be in Dorchester [South Street, from 10am-3pm] this coming Saturday and look for a good start towards achieving the required level of five per cent of signatories".

It's time to get talking

Re: Vearose Farm

■ WE WOULD like to ask our town council why they have not asked Hallam Land Management to consult with them up until now and, even more importantly, why haven't they not consulted with the public over this issue before now?

This project has been in the public domain for a long time. WDDC

has consulted with our town council over this, and there have been numerous meetings about the Local Plan that our council members attended.

This does not change the fact that Future Bridport supports development at Vearose Farm.

Most people will have read in the papers of the campaign against the develop-

ment and our own in support, so the question stands: what has our town council been doing?

We contacted Hallam a long time ago to find out what was being proposed and found them very open to discussion.

Let's take this opportunity to discuss openly what would be the best way to develop Vearose.

Suggestions so far have been very positive, mostly on the low-cost home side.

One suggestion from a member of the public was possibly 200 or more homes at the £100,000 mark with only locals being able to purchase.

To stop local investors from snapping them up and selling at an instant profit a restriction would be applied to keep the sale of those homes in the future to a percentage below market value for a number of years.

Another suggestion was for part of the development to be self-builds.

How about not allowing second homes?

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Bangers and beer festival comes to town

by Lottie Welch

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a treat to enjoy and is famous among customers who enjoy the weekly Sunday roast and it will prove to be a wonderful accompaniment to the sausage and mash with an alternative beer version incorporating Palmers ale as well."

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Youth council members make their feelings heard

by Lottie Welch

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CHILDREN in Bridport have raised what they feel are important issues in their town and what they would like to see change.

Town councillors heard from 11-year-old Rory Armstrong, a passionate representative of the Bridport Area Youth Council and a pupil at St Mary's Primary School, at their meeting last week, who voiced the group's key issues for Bridport.

At the top of the list were concerns about the housing in the town, with particular reference to new housing developments, followed closely by the need to have a new play area for children to enjoy.

Rory said: "For a start, in the new housing and business places that are being developed in Bridport, we need to make sure that there are services there before actually building it, making sure there is enough space to build local shops and a play park.

"We need to make sure the people moving into Bridport have enough jobs to go around, we want good jobs which are harder to get."

Members of the Bridport Area Youth Council also felt that the town's community areas would benefit with more play equipment and more events.

They wished to have table tennis tables in Plottingham playing fields by the tennis courts and more family events in the Borough Gardens off South Street.

He added: "I think it will work fairly well – it's sociable, you're also meeting friends and it's fun to play."

"We were also thinking about the Borough Gardens and how it could be used for more events, picnics, shows and more things that families can enjoy and be social."

The Mayor of Bridport, Councillor Maggie Ray, was pleased to hear about what issues the children of Bridport thought were important and said she had taken the suggestions on board.

She said: "We were delighted to welcome a youth council representative to speak directly to the town council for the first time.

"Some things can be achieved more quickly than others – the council immediately approved the idea of an outdoor table tennis table, as this will encourage people to take more exercise in the fresh air.

"I was pleased to hear the youth council's ideas for the Borough Gardens and, as coordinator for the Borough Gardens Community group, will take this forward to our next meeting.

"All these ideas will be fed into a new four-year town plan, to be drawn up by the new town council elected in May."

The Bridport Area Youth Council is made up of students from The Sir John Colfox School, primary schools in the area and representatives from the Youth Centre.

Members meet to discuss the town plan and identify areas that young people may want to get involved in.

The group narrow down the ideas to what they feel are the most important and present them to Bridport Town Council.

Children's author launches third book



■ Debbie Kelly signed copies of her third book, 'Alonzo and the All-Eyed Monster' in Bridport on Saturday

CHILDREN'S author Debbie Kelly added to her extensive fan base with the launch of her new book on Saturday (January 31st).

She showcased and signed copies of her third book in *The Adventures of Alonzo the Chicken* series at Waterstones in Bridport.

Children met Alonzo, coloured in pictures of the famous chicken and were able to hear a reading from the new book.

The third book of the series is called 'Alonzo and the All-Eyed Monster' in which readers meet Alonzo's evil twin, Alfonzo, and follow his adventures in capturing the Dazzling Diamond, defeating the Gangster Geese and keeping the sun in the sky.

Debbie said: "It all feels a bit strange. I have just published my third book and if someone had said a couple of years ago that I would have books, I would have laughed.

"It was inspired by my nephew, William, who wanted a story to read so I made up 'King Fox of Foxyland' in which there were no chickens, so the idea of Alonzo the Chicken was born."

Her books are aimed at children aged from five to eight-years-old and all feature a spot the difference puzzle at the end of the story.

She added: "I am really passionate about children writing which I feel is being lost through the use of iPads."

"I write every single book in pencil as for me there is something about when you write, you loose and immerse yourself, and I can't type as quick as I can think."

"Children come up to me and say that I have inspired them to write stories and that for me is what it is all about."

"To know I am having that affect on children is astounding and I feel I am making a difference."

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Shopping experience will bring jobs boost to West Bay

A NEW shopping 'experience' is set to create more than 15 jobs in West Bay, while reviving one of the resort's most treasured historical buildings.

The retailers behind the successful Molly's Den Vintage Emporiums chain will launch their latest venture in West Bay this Easter.

Dean and Abby Souter say they will rescue the former Customs House warehouse and yard, turning it into a "unique shopping experience".

The experienced entrepreneurs, for whom this will be their seventh opening, are hopeful that the venture will attract hundreds more visitors to West Bay and provide an important boost to the local economy.

"When we first saw the building we immediately fell in love with it and saw the potential for the site," said Mr Souter, who also launched a new Molly's Den branch in Bridport last year.

"We have brought seven vintage retail and trade warehouses on stream, and this for us is the logical next step."

"We can run the site with the same ethos behind Molly's Den but within a historic and beautiful building and courtyard setting."

The revived Customs House will

be built on a vibrant atmosphere, Mr Souter says, with the courtyard filled with stalls selling local produce, hand-made gifts and art.

Visitors will also be able to sit and enjoy a meal at one of the alfresco cafe tables, where there will also be space for market traders to offer a mix of goods.

Mr Souter added: "The beautiful old complex will feature a fantastic selection of contemporary, vintage, art and hand-made stores, as well as workshops and boutique dining, all around a central courtyard with alfresco tables and space for markets.

"The Customs House West Bay will have a vibrant atmosphere in its courtyard that will be filled with stalls selling local produce, hand-made gifts and art while diners sit at cafe tables enjoying a delicious lunch."

The two young traders say the venture will "breathe new life" into the warehouse and courtyard, while creating new jobs and boosting the local economy.

There are already vacancies to fill, with positions available for chefs, waiting staff, stall managers and apprenticeship opportunities.

For more information about Customs House West Bay, contact Dean Souter on 07956 540047 or email mollysden@live.co.uk

BRIDPORT'S Ropewalk Fair will return bigger and better this summer, according to the team behind the town's unique heritage festival.

Organisers are already working towards this year's event, set to take place over the weekend of May 9th and 10th, and will kick off the build-up at the Bridport Community Fair this weekend.

Last year's debut event was designed to increase awareness of Bridport's rope and net-making heritage and show what goes on behind closed doors.

The initiative also helped to raise funds towards two of the town's major redevelopment projects – at Bridport Museum and the Literary and Scientific Institute.

Bosses are now encouraging local people to come forward to volunteer their time for this year's fair, with opportunities for stewards and stallholders to get involved.

"We are really excited to be organising Bridport's second Ropewalk Fair for May this year," said Emily Hicks, curator at Bridport Museum.

"Lots of the plans are already coming together, including rope and net-making demonstrations, games and

music for the day.

"But there is still lots to be done so anyone who thinks they might like to help us and join the committee would be welcome."

Last year's fair was held over three days, with hundreds of visitors taking part in a celebration of one of Bridport's oldest industries.

The town's existing rope-making firms also played a big part in the event, showing off a selection of traditional equipment and providing demonstrations during the weekend.

Museum staff are also hoping rope-making experts will come forward to help identify a new collection of specialist machinery, which will form part of an exhibition at the refurbished museum.

Ms Hicks said: "We have entered an exciting phase of redevelopment which has come about as a result of a bequest from the Sanctuary family of the contents of

Ropewalk Fair to return in May

CHILDREN joined in with the customary maypole dancing during last year's Ropewalk Fair celebrations



their museum, which was formerly located at Upploders.

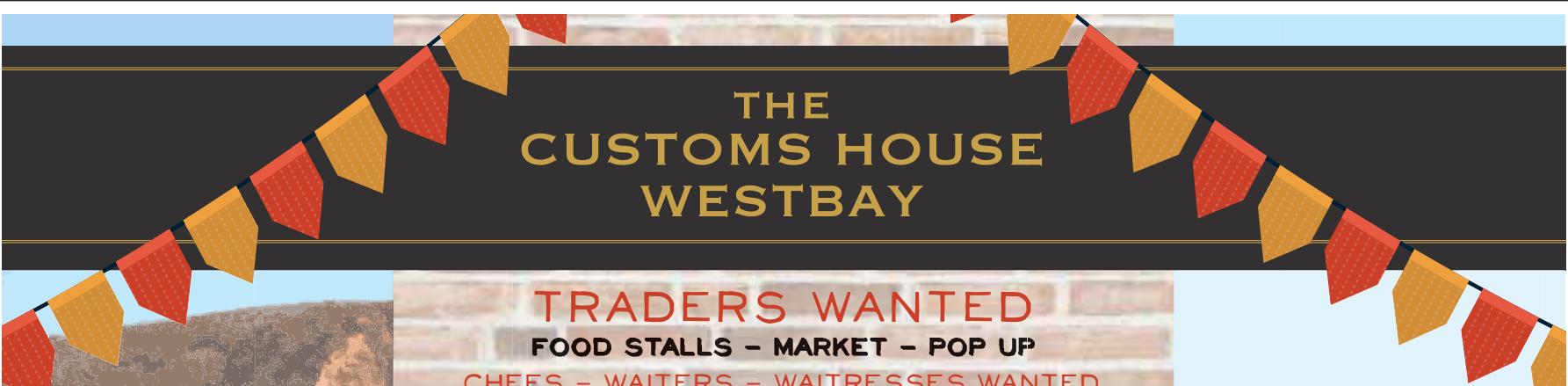
"Part of that bequest consisted of some rope and net machinery which had been dismantled and is now in pieces."

"The problem we have is that none of us have any knowledge of this machinery and we know that there are people in Bridport who have spent a lifetime in the industry and who have both knowledge and expertise

that would help us.

"We would like to invite anyone who has experience or knowledge of the industry for an informal chat to help us identify the machines and their uses as well as share their stories with us."

To volunteer to be involved in this year's Ropewalk Fair, contact Emily Hicks on 01308 458703 or email curator@bridportmuseum.co.uk and to help identify the museum's machinery contact



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Cheer yourself up with guaranteed panto fun

by Stuart Broom

BRIDPORT Pantomime Players production of *Cinderella* is once again guaranteed to cheer you up following the first real snap of winter this week.

The company who celebrate their 50th anniversary this year have once again produced a spectacular show to please all the family featuring laughter, song and dance.

The show which opens tonight (Wednesday) and runs until Saturday (Feb 7th), follows the traditional fairytale of boy meets girl and they fall in love, with extras!

There are lots of songs for the children including the smash hit

'Love Is An Open Door' from the film *Frozen* sung by Cinderella and Prince Charming, as well as the well known oldies for the grown-ups to join in with.

There are fantastic comedy sequences involving Baron and Baroness Stoneybroke, as well as cops and robbers chases.

Look out also for the magical transformation scene where Cinderella is changed from her rags to ball gown, ably assisted by the Fairy Godmother.

As ever there are the adorable

toddlers class from Theresa Grinter's Lyric School of Dancing and the contrast of modern dancing from Becky Mather's Rhythm Dance Centre.

All this is backed up as ever by a chorus that will get your feet tapping, in between the booing, hissing and cheering of course!

To celebrate such an important anniversary, the Players held an exhibition in the Town Hall at the end of the year and purchased two new scenery cloths that will be in use for the first time.

Tickets are still available for most of the performances which start at 7:30pm every evening

with matinees on Thursday (1:30pm) and Saturday (2pm), and can be purchased from the

Bridport Tourist Information Centre at the Town Hall or by calling 01308 424901.

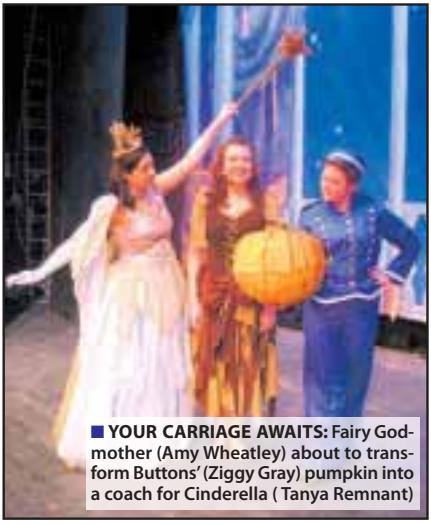
There is one thing guaranteed – it will leave you more cheerful than *Broadchurch*!



■ LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM: Cinderella (Tanya Remnant) and Prince Charming (Amy Day) watched over by The Fairy Godmother (Amy Wheatley)



■ OH YOU ARE AWFUL! The Ugly Sisters, Jess Ives and Tom Staple, ready for some retail therapy



■ YOUR CARRIAGE AWAITS: Fairy Godmother (Amy Wheatley) about to transform Buttons' (Ziggy Gray) pumpkin into a coach for Cinderella (Tanya Remnant)

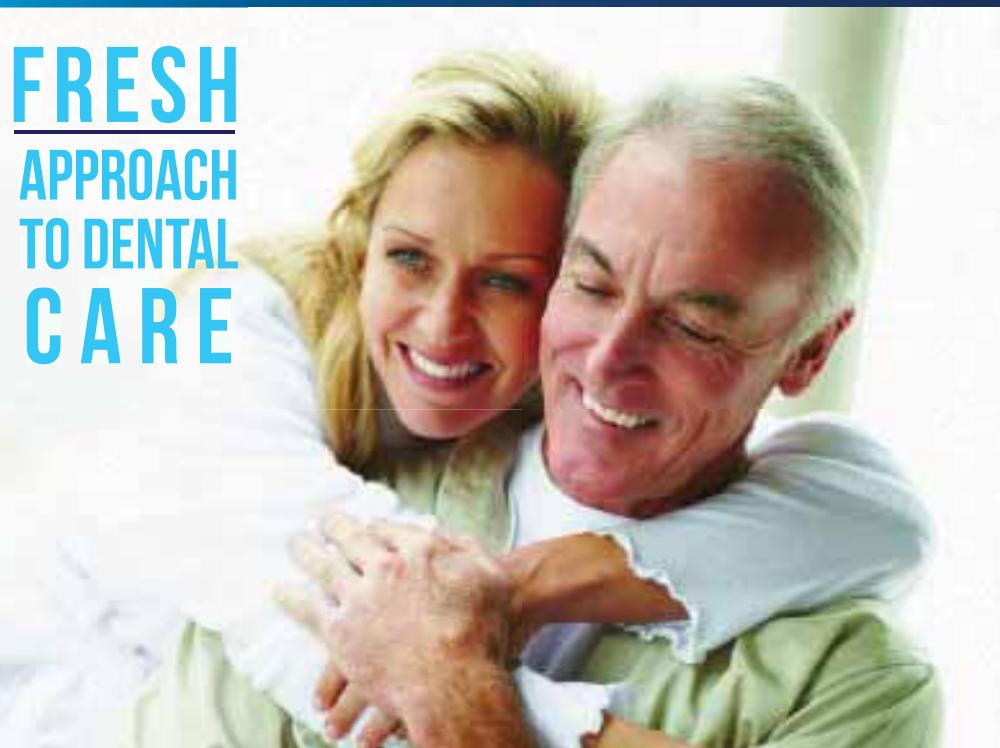


■ ENTERTAINMENT GUARANTEED: The cast of Cinderella

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Fisherman's Arms 'inappropriate' for hub site

A TOWN councillor has warned county bosses against "inappropriate" plans to build Bridport's long-awaited social care 'hub' at the current site of the Fisherman's Arms day centre.

Councillor Karl Wallace has urged county council chiefs to reconsider their decision and instead look for alternative locations.

In January, social care leaders confirmed they were making the South Street site their first choice, after uncovering problems with the previously preferred location behind the library.

The council now says the multi-million-pound facility, which could also incorporate Citizens' Advice services in



COUNCILLOR Karl Wallace says county bosses should consider St Michael's as an alternative home for Bridport's new community hub

by Jack Dixon

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the future, is likely to replace the Fisherman's Arms day centre.

But Councillor Wallace believes the proposals are flawed and that the site will not be large enough to facilitate the new hub.

"It is simply not appropriate to develop there," he told *View From Bridport*.

"We need to significantly increase our social care capacity in order to cope with the ageing population."

"The demographic of the town is changing, with more and more older people moving into the area - surely we need to plan for that now."

"People may say they want to be cared for in their own homes but there will still be a need for respite care."

Councillor Wallace says he would like the county council to reassess options for developing a site on the St Michael's trading estate instead of Fisherman's Arms, which he argues is too far from the centre of the town.

"My concern would be that this is going to be one of the last major social developments going into the town and we need to make sure we get it right."

"It is essential that what we do now is correct for the future and that we are getting maximum value for money."

"St Michael's is nearer to transport networks, has good car-parking facilities and is closer to the heart of the town. What we need now especially is in the town centre is jobs - and the Hub will provide those jobs."

"The artists down there can work side by side with a facility like this and it would fit in really nicely alongside the rest of the St Michael's trading community."

"It has got so much potential and we have to try to make the most of it. St Michael's is screaming out for support."

The council has set aside £4.7m to pay for the delivery of social care services in Bridport, particularly covering day services and care for older people.

The measures are designed to help people stay healthy and live independently in the community for as long as possible, it says.

The hub is set to transform the way adult social care services are delivered in the Bridport area, replacing outdated buildings like the Sidney Gale care home, which the council has decided is "unfit for purpose".

Councillor Jill Haynes, DCC's cabinet

member for adult social care, said careful consideration had gone into selecting the best location for the hub, after a survey found a series of traffic problems with the Wessex Water-owned site behind the library.

A council spokesperson added: "A detailed study of the plot at Fisherman's Arms will now begin, and the initial design for the new hub will be presented to cabinet in March."

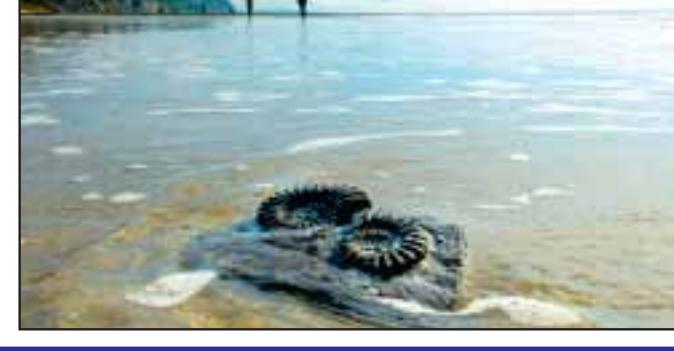
"People who use the services and local residents will continue to be involved in the design process of the new hub."

tinction level - the Associateship - which will test my skills even more."

Rosie said: "Achieving the LRPS has been a great step forward for me and I am looking forward to working towards the next dis-

tinguished level - the Associateship - which will test my skills even more."

David Parnell's 'Jurassic Beach' image (pictured) was among the best work of the Bridport snappers recognised by the RPS.



IN THE FRAME | Three of Bridport's top amateur snappers have been recognised by the Royal Photographic Society for their creative camerawork.

David Parnell, Chris Hilton and Rosie Mathison were each awarded their Licentiate level distinctions, after presenting their work to a panel of expert judges.

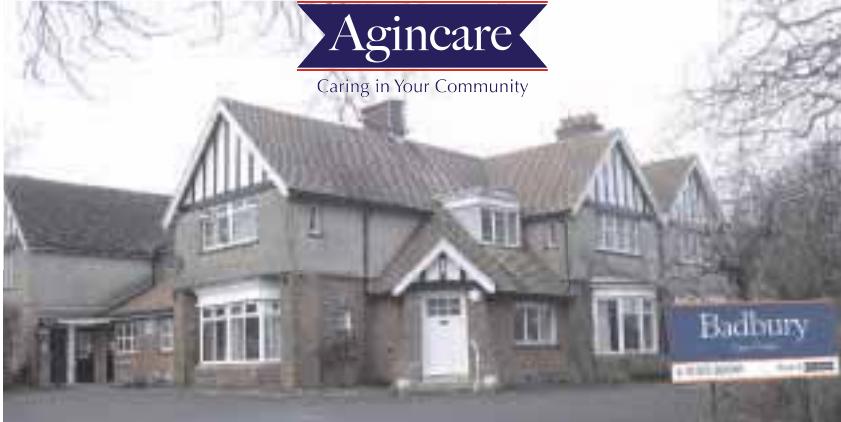
The society's distinctions are internationally respected and sought after by both professional and amateur photographers.

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Childbirth charity to step up support for new parents

LEADING charity the National Childbirth Trust is to take extra steps to support new parents in Bridport this year.

The UK's largest parent charity will be offering antenatal classes for mums and dads-to-be at Bridport Children's Centre from March, after similar NHS services were recently stopped.

The NCT says the classes fill a "vital" gap in support for pregnant women and their partners, providing information and advice during expert-led sessions.

Classes will start on March 1st with further courses running throughout the spring and summer.

Local branch coordinator Danielle Lanning said: "Evidence shows that NCT courses will improve confidence when preparing for the birth of a baby and becoming a parent, providing the skills needed as well as a local support network.

"Many mums in Bridport are unable to travel to the two-hour NHS courses offered further afield and are unsure about how to meet other new mums in the area. "Our courses are a friendly and enjoyable way of getting to grips with becoming a parent."

Rhona, a mother of two from Salway Ash, said her NCT antenatal classes were an important part of preparing to have her baby.

"They gave me the information I needed but, even more importantly, I made lasting friends there," she said.

"Attending the course also gave me the confidence to join in other NCT activities, like 'Bumps, Babies and Beyond' on Tuesday at the Children's Centre, and that was such a lifeline, especially during the first few months when everything is new and exhausting."

The next NCT antenatal class will start on March 1st and will be held at Bridport Children's Centre between 10am and

4pm, with the second half of the course at the same time the following weekend, March 8th. Parents-to-be are encouraged to sign up quickly to secure their place.

Further courses will also be running on April 26th and May 10th, and June 28th and July 5th. Places can be booked by emailing bookings3b@nct.org.uk or visiting the NCT's website www.nct.org.uk/signature

Parking changes to boost trade in town

ON-STREET parking return times are being extended in Bridport, as part of a drive to bring shoppers into the town.

Council bosses say the changes will encourage a "vibrant" local economy and attract extra visitors.

Bridport currently has an on-street parking restriction of one hour with no return within the following hour, but this will be doubled to prevent drivers from returning within two hours.

The change was discussed at a recent town council meeting where officers felt the revised return time would not make any difference.

Town surveyor Daryl Chambers said: "It is a county-wide decision, not just Bridport, and they are changing the current schedule of the return period.

"They are saying it will be going forward but I don't really think there is anything detrimental to it."

Council chiefs hope the increase in return time will boost the number of visitors coming into Bridport at peak times.

Councillor Peter Finney, Dorset County Council cabinet member for environment and the economy, said: "We are currently in the process of standardising on-street parking across the county council area – this includes charges and return times. Increasing the time before a driver can return to a parking bay will ensure a turnover of shoppers to the town and encourage a vibrant local economy. It will also ensure that our civil enforcement officers can patrol more efficiently."

Martin Davis rides into Comedy Cafe

THE MANIC comic phenomenon that is Martin Davis visits the Bridport Arts Centre this week for the first Comedy Café night of the year.

The Bridport Arts Centre Comedy Café showcases the best new talent on today's stand-up circuit alongside experienced pros from around the UK, providing a whole evening's hilarity for just £7.

Previous acts have included Matt Richardson, Vikki Stone and Omar Hamdi, who have all gone on to become regular faces on TV.

Bridport based comedian, and regular host, Tom Glover will welcome this month's acts on Friday, February 6th.

Headlining this month's show is self declared 'heckler killer' Martin Davis, an act famed on the circuit for his kamikaze bravado.

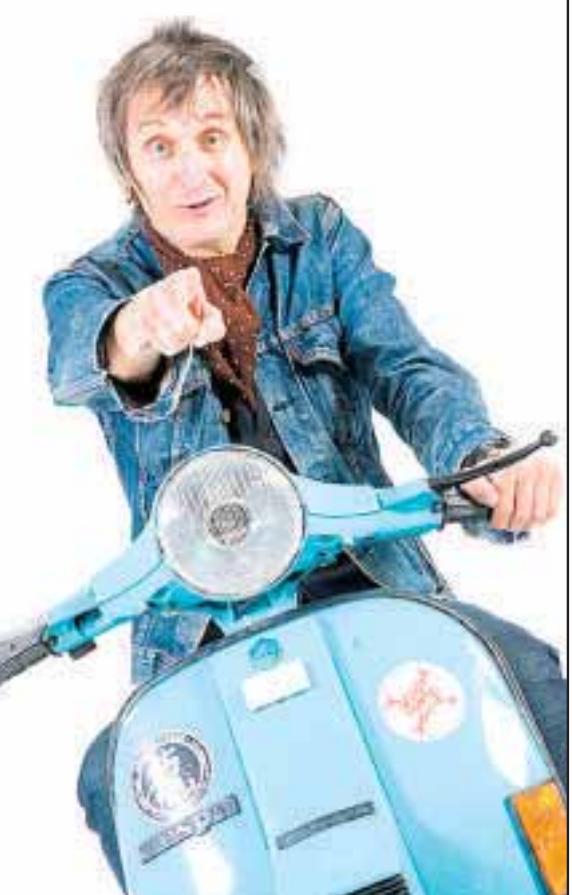
Martin barrages the audience with his own brand of relentless rapid fire comedy daring the audience to get involved.

Opening the show will be radio regular Steve N Allen a more traditional stand up offering his takes on everyday life as well as what's topical in the news.

Completing the line-up will be two newer acts just finding their feet on the comedy circuit.

As well as introducing the acts, as ever Tom Glover will be sharing his latest material with the home crowd.

The BAC Comedy Cafe will be at 8pm on Friday, February 6th. Tickets are £7 adults/£5 concessions and available from the arts centre box office on 01308 424204.



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Police appeal for volunteer constables

VOLUNTEERS are being encouraged to top up the West Dorset police force by working on the front line for free.

Police chiefs have launched a major recruitment drive for volunteer officers to join the force across the county. Around 100 so-called Special Constables were added to the force last year, and bosses are once again on the lookout for volunteers to take up the challenge.

Chief Constable Debbie Simpson said the special constable roles benefited both volunteers and existing members of the force.

"Having the heart of our community working with us provides an important opportunity for [the public] to influence the way we police our county," she said.

"Volunteering in these roles will be exciting, challenging, rewarding and offer a chance ... to help keep local communities safe."

"In return for training, camaraderie and being a key part of our team, we ask for commitment, professionalism and a will to succeed in delivering the

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highest standards of service that our community rightly deserves."

Special Constables are given the same powers as regular police officers, wear the same uniform, issued with the same equipment, and are asked to work an average of 16 hours a month.

Volunteer officers are involved in a range of day-to-day policing activities, including patrol work and community events, but also targeted operations and specialist training.

Some Special Constables are also dedicated to traffic, marine and rural policing, on top of the general patrol duties.

Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill added: "Becoming a volunteer special constable is a great way to make a difference in your community, while at the same time developing personal skills.

FUN OF THE FAIR | Hundreds of visitors are expected to fill Bridport Town Hall once again this weekend for the return of the annual community fair.

Representatives from many of the town's organisations and interest groups will be running stalls at the fair on Saturday, where visitors can find out about what is in store for the year ahead.

Local band Acoustic Rooster will also be performing in Bucky Doo Square during the day, with Bridport Museum's 'knot booth' offering residents the chance to play a part in the town's ongoing heritage project.

Stalls have also been booked by representatives from the Bridport Camera Club, the Ropewalk Fair, the Chamber of Commerce, Bridport Local Food Group, the Western Area Transport Action Group (WATAG) and the Bridport Heritage Forum among others.

The annual fair will take place at Bridport Town Hall on Saturday (February 7th) between 9am and 3pm.

■ Pictured left is Cheryl Ludgate, dressed in her 1940s inspired outfit at last year's event

"Special Constables come from all walks of life but, whatever their background, they will take pride from giving something back to the community of Dorset."

"I am constantly humbled and inspired by the commitment shown by Special Constables and will support them in their journey serving the people of Dorset."

Council finds cash to help start-ups

A TOTAL of £15,000 worth of funding has been secured to support two businesses in West Dorset.

District council bosses have approved funding of £12,000 for WSX Enterprise, on top of £3,000 for the Dorset Growth Hub – both of which help fledgling companies get off the ground.

WSX Enterprise provides start-up courses in business planning, regulation and legislation, sales and marketing, while Dorset Growth Hub providing business information, advice and guidance.

West Dorset District Council leader, Councillor Anthony Alford, said: "It is great news that WDDC continues to support and invest in training for local businesses to build a stronger local economy."

Chris Darlow, WSX Enterprise programme manager, said he was grateful for the financial support provided, which will enable the company to deliver a high value business start-up

workshop programme for West Dorset in 2015.

"Last year's programme was incredibly successful and WSX look forward to continuing to provide the essential guidance and information to enable new West Dorset businesses to survive and thrive,"

he added.

Over the last year, the Hub has been able to provide focused support for faster growing businesses, including investment preparation, internationalisation and innovation as well as a significant grants investment programme.

Cash stolen from South Street premises

THREE cash boxes were stolen from a town centre outlet in Bridport, police have confirmed.

Officers believe an unknown person gained entry to a secure area at Twist and Shout Osteopaths in South Street late one evening last month, but are appealing for more information.

A member of staff noticed the theft before closing the shop on Thursday, January 22nd and police believe the offender must have taken the cash boxes between 6:30pm and 7pm that evening.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Dorset Police by calling 101, quoting incident number C:15:D:003167.

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Keeping fit is a walk in the park

A LOCAL initiative designed to encourage Bridport residents to lead a healthier lifestyle through regular walking has been awarded national accreditation for its efforts to keep people active.

The Bridport Health Walks scheme, run by the Ramblers organisation in conjunction with Macmillan Cancer Support, organises frequent walks as part of its drive to promote an active lifestyle.

And Bridport walkers will be leading the country, having been named among the first groups to be officially recognised under nationwide body Walking for Health's new accreditation criteria.

The robust new requirements are designed to give new walkers added confidence that the Bridport scheme can support them to get active and stay active.

"We are delighted our short walks have been accredited by Walking For Health," said Sarah Davies, scheme co-ordinator and sports development officer at West Dorset District Council.

"Our volunteer walk leaders help all sorts of people to enjoy the many health benefits that regular walking brings, providing support every step of the way.

"Our walkers have a great deal of fun, making new friends and getting to know their local area. Many of us know we should be more active, so we are encouraging everyone to join in and let us welcome you along to our next walk."

Each walk lasts around 30 minutes, with at least one shorter walk every month. The walks start and finish from outside the Citizens' Advice Bureau in South Street on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am.

More than 70,000 people take part in similar Walking for Health schemes nationwide, with more than 3,000 weekly walks led by 10,000 volunteers across the country.

Fight is on to save wildlife site

by Jack Dixon

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WILDLIFE campaigners have urged local government secretary Eric Pickles to call a public inquiry into plans for a huge solar farm to be built on a site of special scientific interest in West Dorset.

The Dorset Wildlife Trust is furious with district planning chiefs, who granted planning permission for the major development at Rampisham Down, near Beaminster, last month.

And the organisation is now calling on Mr Pickles

to step in and overturn the decision, which the Trust has described as the "unnecessary destruction" of a wildlife haven.

Despite objections from Natural England – the government's advisory agency on environmental matters – planning bosses at West Dorset District Council approved plans for a solar farm to be built on the 187-acre site.

Home to a rare grouping of plants and fungi, Rampisham Down also supports a range of wildlife, from adders to skylarks, within its unique grassland and heathland habitats.

And the Trust is adamant that the site be left alone – especially, it says, as there are alternative locations for the solar farm development.

"Dorset Wildlife Trust is not against renewable energy development, but we will oppose it on sites where the development could cause harm to the environment", said chief executive Dr Simon Cripps.

"Rampisham Down is already legally protected and there is an alternative site across the road, which we would support.

"If this development were to go ahead, it could put other SSSIs in the UK under threat. It is vital the government respects the legislation that pro-

tects our valuable wildlife."

Responding to the council's announcement last month, the Trust said it was "shocked and appalled" by the "perverse" decision, which would lead to the "needless destruction of our national heritage."

It says any development on the site at Rampisham Down will, in particular, have a damaging effect on the local butterfly population.

Dr Martin Warren, chief executive of butterfly conservation, added: "The SSSI network is fundamental to the future of butterflies and most other special wildlife in the UK."

"Any development at Rampisham will set a precedent that could damage this vital system and make it impossible to meet our international obligations to save biodiversity."

Under the planning framework, the secretary of state can overrule the local authority on controversial decisions. If the application is 'called in', a public inquiry will be held and the recommendations of a government planning inspector presented to Mr Pickles for consideration.

Chairman of WDDC's development control committee, Ian Gardner, said councillors had sought to balance economic and environmental benefits in reaching a decision.

But the argument is set to roll on, as the Trust launches a national campaign to fight the ruling.

Tony Whitehead, a spokesman for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), said: "Rampisham is part of a national network of protected wildlife sites. These are the best of the best – the natural equivalent of Stonehenge or our great cathedrals."

"As we provide the highest levels of protection for places like Stonehenge, so we must for places like Rampisham. If they are lost, we lose a piece of our national heritage. For this reason we strongly urge the secretary of state to call in the application and consider the matter in a public inquiry."



Rampisham Down is said to be one of the largest areas of lowland acid grassland in the country and is home to a rich variety of wildlife
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Musical volunteer needed for drop-in centre

by Lottie Welch
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STAFF and volunteers at Harmony Drop-in are appealing for someone with music and singing skills to join them and provide sessions for the members.

After a successful and enjoyable ukulele session with Andrew Dickson from the Ukulele Opera, members agreed it would be a great activity to do regularly.

And staff are hoping to recruit a volunteer who has skills or an interest in music and singing to run sessions for the members of the mental health and wellbeing centre.

Joanne Seward, manager of Harmony Drop-in, said: "Members, staff and volunteers at Harmony Drop-in enjoyed a fantastic session of music mak-

ing and singing with Andrew from the Ukulele Opera on Wednesday January 28th.

"We didn't realise there was so much talent among us and it has really inspired us to add a music group to the ever increasing list of activities that local people who are living with a mental health problem can enjoy at the centre.

"If you think you can help us and would like to be a part of a warm, welcoming and positive group, please contact us on 01308 427988 or email harmonypress@outlook.com or come along to 5 Downes Street."



■ Staff, members and volunteers at Harmony Drop-in are appealing for someone with music and singing skills to volunteer and run sessions at the centre

Harmony Drop-in offers a place for people living with a mental illness to visit, meet others and join in with a range of activities.

The centre is situated on the first floor of 5 Downes Street and is open from 11am to 3pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Bridport resident on fundraising mission

by Lottie Welch
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A BRIDPORT resident is furiously fundraising to raise money for her daughter-in-law's charity run in the London Marathon.

Barbara Patten organised a charity fundraiser on Saturday (January 24th), which raised £310, and has been at car boots raising money and even devised a local quiz.

The event was in aid of her daughter-in-law, Sabrina Patten, who is running the London Marathon this year in aid of the National Osteoporosis Society.

The coffee morning held at St Mary's Church House had a tombola, toy and craft stalls, cakes and a local quiz and managed to raise £310 towards Sabrina's efforts in reaching her target of £1,700.

Barbara said: "I have Osteoporosis and the charity advised me on the correct medication, which is why we are support-

ing it. Sabrina decided to run for it as it is a charity close to our hearts.

"A lot of friends have kindly been helping us and the money raised is gradually going up.

"We raised £310 which is absolutely brilliant, thank you to everyone who supported us."

Sabrina Patten, Barbara's daughter-in-law who lives in Bristol, said: "The charity helped her so that is why I am running.

"I have been running for 12 years, more or less, and doing half marathons and in the last three years I have progressed to marathons.

"I am quite excited, it has been a lot of effort but I am pleased and I hope to raise £1,700."

To donate visit www.justgiving.com/Sabrina-patten



■ Bridport resident Barbara Patten (right) organised a coffee morning for her daughter-in-law Sabrina (left), who is running the London marathon this year. The event raised £310

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... Did you know ...

♥ THE saint we celebrate on Valentine's Day is known officially as St. Valentine of Rome in order to differentiate him from the dozen or so other Valentines on the list. Because *Valentinus* - from the Latin word for *worthy, strong or powerful* - was a popular name between the second and eighth centuries AD, several martyrs over the centuries have carried this name. The official Roman Catholic roster of saints shows about a dozen who were named Valentine or some variation thereof.

♥ VALENTINE is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy, among many other things. Saints are certainly expected to keep busy in the afterlife. Their holy duties include interceding in earthly affairs and entertaining petitions from living souls. In this respect, St Valentine has wide-ranging spiritual responsibilities. People call on him to watch over the lives of lovers, of course, but also for interventions regarding beekeeping and epilepsy, as well as the plague, fainting and travelling. As you might expect, he's also the patron saint of engaged couples and happy marriages.

♥ YOU can find Valentine's skull in Rome. The flower-adorned skull of St. Valentine is on display in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. In the early 1800s, the excavation of a catacomb near Rome yielded skeletal remains and other relics now associated with St Valentine.

♥ THE medieval English poet Geoffrey Chaucer often took liberties with history, placing his poetic characters into fictitious historical contexts that he represented as real. No record exists of romantic celebrations on Valentine's Day prior to a poem Chaucer wrote around 1375. In his work "Parliament of Foules," he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's Feast Day.

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Valentine was eventually caught and was brought before the emperor. The emperor saw that Valentine had conviction and drive that was unsurpassed among his men. Claudius tried and tried to persuade Valentine to leave Christianity, serve the Roman empire and the Roman gods. In exchange, Claudius would pardon him and make him one of his allies. St. Valentine held to his faith and did not renounce Christ. Because of this, the emperor sentenced him to a three-part execution. First, Valentine would be beaten, then stoned, and then finally, decapitated. Valentine died on February 14th, 270 A.D.

While in prison, waiting for his sentence to be carried out, Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter, the blind Asterius. During the course of Valentine's prison stay, a miracle occurred and Asterius regained his sight. Valentine sent her a final farewell note. He signed his last note, "From Your Valentine." Even today, this message remains as the motto for our Valentine's Day celebrations.



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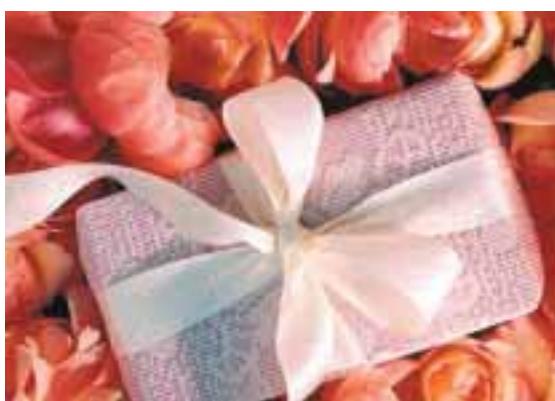
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Main Course

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Vegetable Skewers, Mixed vegetables skewered and coated in a cayenne tomato sauce, served on a bed of wild rice (single)

Desserts

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Bridprt Round Table

Bridport Round Table Valentines Prom

THE annual Bridport Round Table Skool Disco event held at Freshwater Beach Holiday Park is having a makeover this year as members are re-launching the event as a Valentines Prom.

Gary Hedges, a member of Bridport Round Table, said: "The evening is to replace the Skool Disco event and hopefully become an annual event. We have spoken to many people and the feeling was that the Skool

Disco needed a refresh.

"To carry out the valentines theme we will be decorating the place with hundreds of balloons, there will be a photo booth and a live six piece band called The Magic Tones who will be playing music between a disco set.

"The music will be similar to the Skool Disco with hits from the 70s and 80s as that part worked well and the dance floor was always full.

"The dress code we have left open with 'dress to impress' and there will be a shuttle bus leaving Bucky Doo Square at 7.15pm and 8.15pm and returning at midnight and 1am."

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CONVERSATION hearts, truffles galore and heart-shaped boxes of chocolates—these are the symbols of Valentine's Day for many lovers around the world.

But why do we have a "sweets to the sweet" tradition every February 14? While the roots of Valentine's Day go all the way back to Roman times, chocolate gift giving is a much more recent development. Is it because of chocolate's reputed aphrodisiac qualities, or just a way for companies to sell more sweets in the lull between Christmas and Easter? Whatever the reason, those ubiquitous little red boxes flood shelves every year.

By the 1840s, the notion of Valentine's Day as a holiday to celebrate romantic love had taken over most of the English-speaking world. It was Cupid's golden age—the prudish Victorians adored the notion of courtly love and showered each other with elaborate cards and gifts.

Into this love-crazed fray came Richard Cadbury, scion of the British chocolate manufacturing family and responsible for sales at a crucial point in his company's history.

Cadbury had recently improved its chocolate making technique so as to extract pure cocoa butter from whole beans, producing a more palatable drinking chocolate than most Britons had ever tasted. This process resulted in an excess amount of cocoa butter, which Cadbury used to produce many more varieties of what was then called "eating chocolate." Richard recognised a great marketing opportunity for the new chocolates and started sell-



ing them in beautifully decorated boxes that he designed himself.

From that point, it was a quick jump to taking the familiar images of Cupids and roses and putting them on heart-shaped boxes. While Richard Cadbury didn't actually patent the heart-shaped box, it's widely believed that he was the first to produce one. Cadbury marketed the boxes as having a dual purpose.



When the chocolates had all been eaten, the box itself was so pretty that it could be used again and again to store mementos, from locks of hair to love letters. The boxes grew increasingly elaborate until the outbreak of World War II, when sugar was rationed and Valentine's Day celebrations were scaled down.

But Victorian-era Cadbury boxes still exist, and many are treasured family heirlooms or valuable items prized by collectors.

The Greyhound Beaminster



Valentines menu Saturday 14th February

£19.95 per person

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Oysters with passion-fruit and sesame dressing, served in their shell with rustic bread
Cheese fondue to share, with mixed dippers

Main Course

Salmon fillet in a hollandaise sauce with chargrilled asparagus & green beans and a choice of potatoes.

Avocado and goats cheese tartlets on a bed of sun dried tomato cous cous and salad

Char-grilled loin of Venison on a whole grain mustard mash, with a whiskey sauce and seasonal vegetables

Desserts

Strawberry and white chocolate panacotta
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Missing man is found after crash

by Jack Dixon

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A MAN who went missing from the scene of a road accident in Bridport last week has been located and treated for injuries in hospital.

It is still unclear why the man fled the scene following the collision in the early hours of last Wednesday morning, but police say enquiries are ongoing.

He is believed to have made his own way to Dorset County Hospital for treatment, where his appearance was reported to police.

The previously-missing man and another male occupant were involved in the incident, which happened on the A3066 Bridport to Beaminster road at Melplash, just

after midnight on January 28th.

A red Ford Fiesta, registered to a local man, left the road and careered into a verge, with both men sustaining injuries.

One of the men, a 24-year-old, was found at the scene where he received treatment for minor cuts, but the other seemingly disappeared after the crash, sparking a major police search.

A helicopter and police dogs were employed to track down the man, whom officers believed may have suffered serious injuries.

Officers carried out a thorough search of the area overnight and the road was closed to allow special investigators to examine the scene, but nothing was found.

A spokesperson for the force confirmed on Monday that the man had been located and was receiving treatment for his injuries.

But enquiries are continuing to determine the exact details of the incident and the man's subsequent disappearance.

Police Sergeant Nikki Burt, of Dorset Police's traffic unit, said: "I would urge anyone who witnessed the collision or who may have seen a red Ford Fiesta being driven in and around the Bridport area on Tuesday evening to call me in confidence."

The 24-year-old man found at the scene has been arrested on suspicion of committing traffic offences and has been released on police bail until the end of February, pending further enquiries.

Anyone with further information about the incident is asked to call Dorset Police on 101 quoting reference number 28:1, or call the anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

No action after supermarket 'theft'

POLICE have confirmed they will not be taking further action against a woman who was suspected of 'theft by finding' at a supermarket last week.

Officers launched an appeal for the woman to come forward, after footage was recorded on CCTV appearing to show her taking cash left behind at a self-service checkout at Morrisons on

West Bay Road.

The incident took place just after 4pm on Sunday, January 18th, and images of the woman were released last week.

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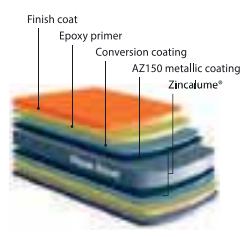
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Tracy Bartram, Communications Manager for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, said: "We would like to thank Bridport Classic Bike Club for their recent donation."

for an even more successful run next year.

"Thank you also to The Crown for letting us start the Cold Turkey Run at their premises."

Collecting the cheque for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance was volunteer Roy Hardy.



■ Mike Biss (front right) and members of The Classic Bike Club hand over a cheque for £302 to Roy Hardy (front left) a volunteer for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance

Bridport bikers boost for the Air Ambulance

BRIDPORT bikers racked up money as well as miles when they raised over £300 for charity on a fundraising bike run.

The group handed over a cheque for £302 to a representative from the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance at the Crown Inn, Bridport, last week.

The money was raised from the club's annual 'Cold Turkey Run' in December in which around 50 bike enthusiasts took part in the event.

The run starts at the Crown Inn, Bridport, and participating bikers from Bridport and the surrounding towns and counties set off on either a 75 mile or 40 mile round trip.

Mike Biss, organiser of the event, said: "Thank you to all the local motorcyclists for supporting us on such a cold day."

"It is great we raised £302 for the Devon and Somerset Air Ambulance and we hope

"Events like this help us raise the £7.1 million a year it costs to keep flying."

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A VISIT to Malabar Trading is a good antidote to these grey February days, there's lots of colour inside in the form of textiles, kilims, bakingware and accessories.

There's been a delivery of small and medium sized Turkish kilims and there will soon be new kilims designed in France and woven in Afghanistan. There will also be some new designs in kilim cushion covers.

Within the next week there will also be new block-printed cotton filled quilts, tablecloths, napkins and kimonos. Also expected soon are two new designs in voile curtains which are being made in India for the shop.

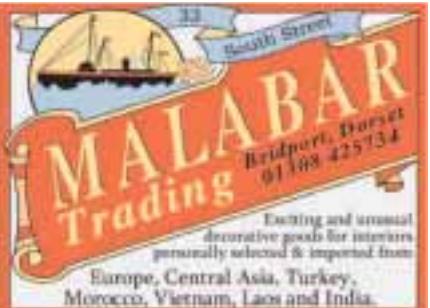
New short quilted jackets and quilted coats are now in the shop and there are new leather handbags and cashmere mittens.

As ever there are beautiful scarves and a wide selection of nightwear, Turkish towels and silver jewellery. There are also the Japanese ceramics, marquetry frames, stationery and scented candles.

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By Julia Gray, Press Association

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"Ideally, you need a two or three-ply carpet yarn - single-ply yarns are cheaper and look fine for a while, but will flatten and wear much quicker than two or three-ply yarns. A better engineered carpet will last longer and be better value in the long-term."

3. When you've found some carpets you think you like, ask the retailer for samples to take home. What looks good in the shop or online might change a lot when you put it in your home and see it in different lights and angles.

4. When budgeting for your new carpet, don't forget to include the cost of fitting and underlay. New underlay is vital for the carpet to sit properly and wear evenly, and the quality of the underlay will affect the lifespan of the carpet.

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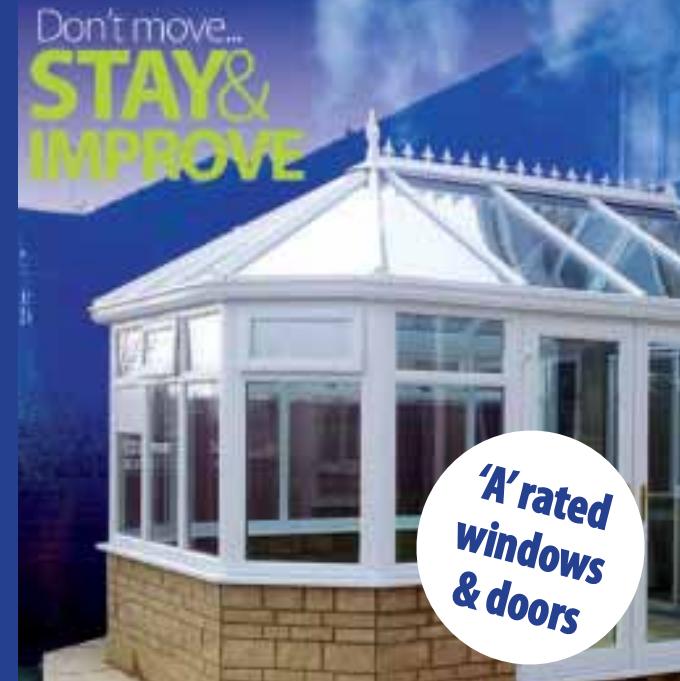
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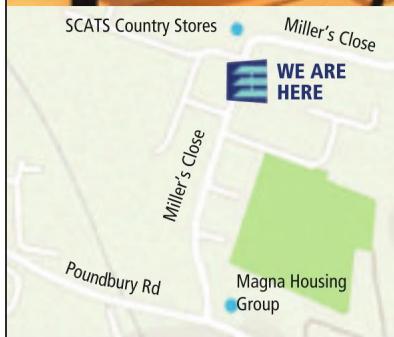
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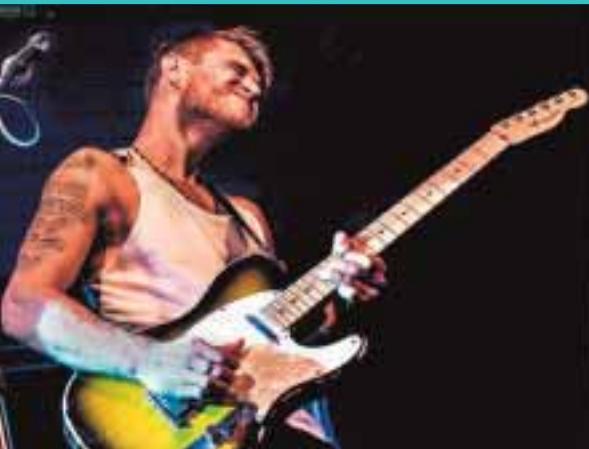
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Your guide to local live music

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Friday 6 Feb

Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS

Jazz in the Bar: Pete Canter & Philip Clouts Doors 7pm. £6.50 adv, £7.50 door

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**Saturday 7 Feb**

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT

**Splinter** 9.30pm

Bulls Head, DORCHESTER

**John De Barra**

Nags Head, LYME REGIS

**Delta Tango 7**

Arts Centre, BRIDPORT

**Wille & The Bandits**

8pm. £10.

Arts Centre, DORCHESTER

**DA Blues: Will Wilde Band**

8pm. £13/£6/£5/£11 adv, £15/£7/£12 door.

Re-loved Vintage & Tea

Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill,

DORCHESTER

**Bernardo playing**

**Vintage Guitar**

7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

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Sunday 15 Feb

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT

Grouvecat 4-6pm

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**Saturday 21 Feb**

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT

**Daytona** 9.30pm

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Sunday 22 Feb

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT

Cadenza 4-6pm

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**Saturday 28 Feb**

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT

**Tripod** 9.30pm

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT

**Fairport Convention**

Doors 7.30pm. £21+bf adv / £23 door

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Saturday 14 Feb

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT

The Lizards 9.30pm

Lord Nelson, DORCHESTER

John De Barra

8pm. £10.

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New line-up announcements for Camp Bestival

WHERE THE WILD THINGS WILL BE

THE second wave of acts has been revealed for Camp Bestival 2015, following the announcement of Underworld, Clean Bandit and Kaiser Chiefs as headliners.

This year's festival, taking place once again at the picturesque Lulworth Castle, takes on a 'Wild theme'.

Chief Wild Thing Rob da Bank: "I don't know where to start with our typically all encompassing, diverse and pretty wild line-up. Maybe at the end, with electronic mega-dons Underworld revving up for the grand finale on Sunday all the way back through iconic pop from **Alison Moyet, Level 42** and **Bob Geldof**, young guns **Wretch 32, Professor Green** and **Clean Bandit**, plus the hottest new blood **Kate Tempest, Slaves** and **George The Poet**. I'm really hoping there's a lot to discover at Camp Bestival 2015. Not forgetting our most requested act every year and a total legend: Mr Tumble!

"As Camp veterans know, music is only one part of the adventure and our incredible creative crew have really pulled it out of the bag with some really wild arts and kids shenanigans from The Train Trip to West End Kids and all the amazing workshops and wild activities to boot. Really hope to see you at our castle by the sea in sunny Lulworth in July!"

There will once again be a bill-topping slot from the man, the legend, and absolute kids' favourite, Mr Tumble. The wildest high jinx are guaranteed from the number one kids' clown, so whatever you do, don't dare miss Mr Tumble when he assumes his throne at Lulworth Castle!



Bob Geldof

Joining the three previously announced headliners, there will be loads more brilliant live music from the likes of Hackney's finest, Professor Green and lyrical gymnast, Wretch 32, who commented "I'm extremely excited to be coming to play for my fans at Camp Bestival, expect a special show! See you in the summer!"

Mercury Prize nominee and long-time Camp Bestival favourite Kate Tempest, world famous philanthropist and sometime Boomtown Rat Bob Geldof, legendary dance machine **Soul II Soul**, 80s pop powerhouse, Level 42, incredible chanteuse Alison Moyet, the silky voiced **Ella Eyre**, funk and rare groove legends **Cymande**, proper Manchester rave crew **808 State**, original punk-pop geniuses **Buzzcocks**, turntable maestro **DJ Yoda**, and funny funkers, **The Cuban Brothers**.

Bringing new meaning to the word campfire, we'll also have all out action from psychedelic warriors **The Crazy World Of Arthur Brown**, in your face duo **Slaves**, bubble gum upstarts **Only the Young**, BBC Sound of 2015 finalist George The Poet, folk royalty **Eliza Carthy**, and Australian male vocal group **The Spooky Men's Chorale**. Plus we'll have raucous times with **Mr Wilson's Second Liners**, **Ekkah**, **The Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band**, **Weymouth Ukuleleans**, **Sinful Maggie**, **Folk Idol** and **Reggaerobics**.

As well as an incredible musical line-up, Camp Bestival is renowned for its variety of entertainment for all the family, including comedy, workshops, literary talks and more.

To keep up-to-date with further line-up announcements, for more information, or to book tickets, visit www.campbestival.net



Professor Green



Clean Bandit

Special two-for-one Valentine's deal

BEN POOLE SET TO ROCK THE ELECTRIC PALACE

THE Electric Palace are completing the live touring schedule for the incredible blues/rock musician Ben Poole on Saturday, February 14th. Ben has recently released his *Live at the Albert Hall* album, which is going down a storm with fans and critics alike, peaking at number 4 in the Amazon charts.

A talented guitarist, singer and songwriter with blues, rock, soul and pop influences, it's hard to categorise the style and genre of Ben's sound. The past few years have seen Ben Poole's profile raise far beyond expectation and a Ben Poole live show is certainly very energetic and not to be missed, giving the audience just what they want, an audience likes to be entertained and Ben and the band never fail to deliver.

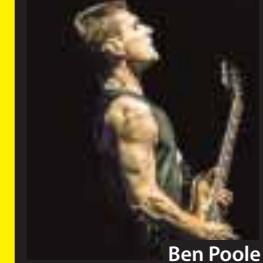
Ben is no stranger to award nominations, he was nomi-

nated for three awards at the British Blues Awards in 2011, including Best Young Artist and Best Original Song, was voted 'Best Newcomer' by Blues Matters magazine in their 2012 readers' poll, and was chosen by a respected panel of music industry aficionados to represent the UK at the 2012 European Blues Challenge held in Berlin, Ben coming third out of nineteen world class entries from nineteen different countries.

The last few years have seen Ben touring regularly across Europe and he has appeared at some of the biggest festivals across the continent including appearances at the Glastonbury Festival and Download Festivals in the UK, Sierre Blues Festival and Blue Balls Festivals in Switzerland, Playing with Fire Festival in the USA, Gdynia Festival in Poland, Dolany Festival

in Czech Republic, Culemborg Festival and Highlands Festivals in Holland and the Schoppingen Blues Festival in Germany.

Ben Poole plays at the Electric Palace, Bridport on Saturday, February 14th, with doors opening at 7pm. Tickets are £10 plus booking fee in advance, or £12 on the door, and a buy one, get one free deal is available on all tickets. To book call 01308 428354, 01308 424901 or visit www.seetickets.com



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This week's new cinema



The Interview

SELMA 12A

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Stars David Oyelowo, Carmen Ejogo and Tim Roth.

JUPITER ASCENDING 12A

JUPITER Jones was born under a night sky, with signs predicting that she was destined for great things. Now grown, Jupiter dreams of the stars but wakes up to the cold reality of a job cleaning toilets and an endless run of bad breaks. Only when Caine, a genetically engineered ex-military hunter, arrives on Earth to track her down does Jupiter begin to glimpse the fate that has been waiting for her all along.

Stars Mila Kunis, Eddie Redmayne and Channing Tatum.

THE INTERVIEW 15

DAVE Skylark and producer Aaron Rapoport run the celebrity tabloid show "Skylark Tonight." When they land an interview with a surprise fan, North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un, they are recruited by the CIA to turn their trip to Pyongyang into an assassination mission.

Controversial comedy starring James Franco, Seth Rogen and Randall Park..

STILL LIFE 12A

A COUNCIL case worker looks for the relatives of those found dead and alone.

Comedy drama starring Eddie Marsan, Joanne Froggatt and Karen Drury.

Cinema Listings

Friday, Jan 6th - Thurs, Feb 12th

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LYME REGIS REGENT
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Shaun The Sheep ^U
Fri, Mon, Tue, Thu: 18:00
Sat & Sun: 13:20, 15:45, 18:00
Wed: 16:30

Kingsman: The Secret Service ¹⁵
Fri-Tue, Thu: 20:10, Wed: 13:30

RSC: Love's Labour's Lost
Wed: 18:45

What We Did on our Holiday ^{12A}
Thu: 10:30am

WEYMOUTH CINEWORLD
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Big Hero 6 ^{PG}
Daily: 14:20, 15:10, 17:00, 17:50, 19:30

plus Sat & Sun: 10:50, 11:40, 13:30

Kingsman: The Secret Service ¹⁵
Daily: 14:30, 17:30, 19:00, 20:30, plus Sat & Sun: 11:30am

American Sniper ¹⁵
Daily: 16:10, 20:20

What We Did on our Holiday ^{12A}
Thu: 10:30am

The Theory of Everything ^{12A}
Fri, Mon, Tue, Thu: 14:00, 19:15

Sat, Sun: 19:15, Wed: 14:00

Ex Machina ¹⁵
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12:15, 21:00

Selma ^{12A}
Sat & Sun: 20:40

Taken 3 ^{12A}
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12:00, Sat & Sun: 13:40

Maleficent ^{PG}
Sat & Sun: 10:00am

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day ^{PG}
Sat & Sun: 12:20, 16:10

BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE
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What We Did On Our Holiday ^{12A}
Sun: 15:00
Magic In The Moonlight ^{12A}
Thu: 19:30

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Sat & Sun: 10:00am
The Boxtrolls ^{PG}

Sat & Sun: 10:30am
Shaun the Sheep The Movie ^U

Daily: 13:20, 15:30, 16:50, 17:40, 19:50

plus Sat & Sun: 11:10, 12:40

Jupiter Ascending ^{12A}
Daily: 12:00, 14:50, 17:30, 20:10

The Interview ¹⁵
Daily: 15:40, 18:25, 20:45

plus Fri, Mon-Thu: 13:00

Selma ^{12A}
Daily: 17:00, 20:00, plus Fri, Mon-Thu: 14:10

Paddington ^{PG}
Sat & Sun: 11:20, 13:00

Into The Woods ^{PG}
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12:10, Sat & Sun: 12:20, 16:10

The Trials of Galileo

The first flowerings of scientific truth crushed by religious dogma in the Trials of Galileo - Royal Shakespeare Company veteran Tim Hardy brings his acclaimed one-man show to Dorchester.

AFTER a successful tour of the US, a sold-out run at the Brighton Fringe Festival and Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, RSC actor Tim Hardy follows a highly successful transfer to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and multiple four-star reviews by bringing his solo show *The Trials of Galileo* to Dorchester this season.

The *Trials of Galileo* focuses on the events surrounding his trial for heresy in 1633. "The Universe is a divine miracle Galileo, not a clockwork toy! 'Proof' denies faith, and without faith we are nothing." In this reprimand of Pope Urban is contained Galileo's tragedy – a mistaken belief that all he had to do was show the church his reasoning and his evidence and the church would fall in behind him. He understood the science better than any man alive, but never grasped the politics. Until it was too late.

Tim Hardy trained as an actor at RADA and has not only worked with the Royal Shakespeare Company but he has also directed and performed in many productions across the UK, Europe and the United States. As well as roles in numerous musicals, operas and films he has also performed in television programmes for the BBC and ITV and narrated over 300 television documentaries. Tim's extensive directing credits include many of Shakespeare's plays, *Twelve Angry Men*, *The Crucible* and *Gaslight*.

Laura Mulhern of Dorchester Arts says, 'As some may remember, the Royal Shakespeare Company were regular visitors to Dorchester a few years ago so we are really excited to welcome back another injection of RSC quality to the county town with this highly acclaimed dramatic representation of history.'

The *Trials of Galileo* will be performed at Dorchester Arts Centre on Friday 6th February at 8pm.

Another historical drama coming to Dorchester Arts in February is *United We Stand* – the true story of one of the most turbulent battles in industrial history, the 1972 Builders Strike. Townsend Productions skilfully present the events surrounding the strike and the high-profile Shrewsbury 24 Campaign.

The drama season at Dorchester Arts this spring is kindly sponsored by Batters Solicitors Charitable Trust.

To book tickets for both shows call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

The chance to dance

KEEN ballroom dancers will travel up to 50 miles on Saturday, February 28th to try out 'Dancing Duo's' newest venue, The Beehive in Moniton.

At their first evening in town, Henry and Jeannie (Clark) will present an across-the-board mixture of ballroom, latin, sequence, jive and a few line dances with a seasonal theme: 'February Romance', and the hall will be appropriately decorated to enhance the ambience.

There is plenty of on-site parking and the cost of entry is just £6. Full bar and beverage facilities will be laid on by the centre. From Honiton main street, The Beehive can be found 500 yards along on the left.

The Duo, who have run dance events around the South West for 16 years, will also be in the area for Saturday, February 14th, presenting a Valentine's Ball, with all the trimmings, at The Guildhall in Chard - a great dance venue with superb sprung floor and amenities. Again, the entry fee is £6 and there is ample free parking (after 6pm) behind the building. You can bring your own soft drinks and snacks, while home beverages and biscuits are provided for a small charity donation. Evening wear is preferred for this event.

So far, Dancing Duo and their dancers have raised £15,000 for the regional cardiac charity - Heartswell South West.

For more information call 01803 325906 or visit www.dancingduo.co.uk

Grounded at the Marine Theatre

WINNER of the Fringe First Award (2013) and the OffWestEnd Award for Best Production, the Marine Theatre excitedly welcomes a gripping, new play entitled 'Grounded' through its doors on Saturday 7th February.

This one-woman-show tells the story of a hot-rod F16 fighter pilot turned drone operative whose career in the sky is over. Now, she sits in an air-conditioned trailer in Las Vegas flying remote-controlled drones over the Middle East. She struggles through surreal 12-hour shifts far from the battlefield, hunting terrorists by day and being a wife and mother by night.

The sole title role is convincingly portrayed by actress Lucy Ellinson, whose extensive career in theatre, television and film has resulted in great critical acclaim and numerous award nominations (The Stage Awards – Best Solo Performance, OffWestEnd Theatre Awards – Best Female Performance, Evening Standard Awards – Best Solo Performance). Her notably outstanding performances in *Grounded*, *Mad Man* (Plymouth Theatre Royal) and *Trojan Women* (The Gate, Notting Hill) saw rapturous critic reviews including the repetitive use of 'captivating', 'versatile' and 'mesmerising' (The Telegraph).

Previously performing to packed-out audiences in London and Edinburgh – and with recent news that Oscar Award-winning actress Anne Hathaway is set to play the role in

New York – *Grounded* flies from the heights of lyricism to the shallows of workaday existence, and targets our assumptions about war, family, and what it is to be a woman.

A must-see for 2015.

Grounded will be performed at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, February 7th, at 8pm.

Tickets are £11 and £9, and the show is suitable for ages 14+. To book tickets, contact TIC on 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com.



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Sue's celebrated artist daughter Julie provides many of the restaurant's decorations in the form of her subtly coloured, sensitive, imaginative paintings.

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a few awards along the way, including two Taste of the West Gold awards, and Best of the West. The new menu will showcase an inventive use of local produce as well as classic interpretations of old favourites. A notable new addition is the open fish sandwich. Local fish fillets in a crisp Cajun spiced crumb, rosemary ciabatta bun, French fries, leaves and homemade tartar sauce. Delicious!

The evening menu is now available seven nights a week. The restaurant has previously closed on a Sunday night during the winter but that is no longer the case. What better way to round off your weekend than sampling the



fantastic local food on offer at The Harbour Inn? The new full evening and lunch menus can be seen on the page opposite.

The Harbour Inn remains popular with both locals and visitors alike. Sunday Lunch is a favourite, with locally reared Roast Beef served with all the trimmings available for just £10.80. The specials board is always full of fresh, local fish dishes, all of which can be enjoyed on the beached area with those first class views in the warmer months.

There are also a couple of tables left for Valentines dinner on Saturday, February 14th, where the new menu will be served along with a number of specials specifically created for Valentines. Call now on 01297 442299 to avoid disappointment.



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Please see our Specials Board for a selection of local fish specialities

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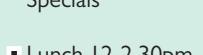


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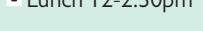
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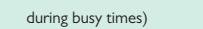
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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

BRIDPORT: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at Bridport United Church at 11.30am.
BRIDPORT: Electronic Organ Concert by David Ingle at the United Church Hall, East Street. Admission £8, members £7, visitors welcome. Concert starts at 7.30pm. For more details call 01460 73500.
WEYMOUTH: Broadwey, Upwey & District Horticultural Society. "All About Fuchsias", a talk by Derek Luther. At St. Nicholas School, Dorchester Road, Broadwey, starting at 7:30pm. Details on 814887.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Ceilidhs featuring "Jigs for Gigs" with caller Simon Maplesden, at Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street. Bring and Share finger food supper, with soft drinks provided; bring your own beer/wine. Doors open 7.15 for 7.30-11pm dance. Tickets £8.50 on the door but numbers will be limited for comfortable dancing so better in advance for £7.50 from Bridport Music Shop and Jaxsons Delicatessen; or call to reserve with organiser Monty (on 01308 423442). See www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

LYME REGIS: Frozen Sing-along at the Scott Cinema at 10am. Tickets £7.50 per person, available from Archway Bookshop (Axminster) and Primary Colours (Lyme Regis) from January 16th. Event includes Anna & Elsa leading the event in person with singing and movements, fancy dress competition, props bags and more. Tickets are limited.
BRIDPORT: Eastern European and French Music and Dance Session (monthly, second Sundays) at The Ropemakers, 36 West St, DT6 3QP. 12.30-2.30pm, entry free. Contact Mecki on 01308 423442 for more info and advance copies of music if required.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

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BEAMINSTER: Dorset Moviola present 'Magic in the Moonlight' (cert 12a) at the Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance from Yarn Barton (01308 862715) or call 01308 861378, or £5.50 on the door.

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United We Stand

POLITICALLY committed theatre company Townsend Productions brings the true story of one of the most turbulent battles in British industrial history – the 1972 Builders' Strike to Dorset as part of their 2015 UK tour. United We Stand will be performed on Friday, February 13th at Dorchester Arts Centre at 8pm.

The events surrounding the strike are still making headlines to this day and the high-profile Shrewsbury 24 Campaign, led by picket turned actor Ricky Tomlinson, is still seeking to overturn the prosecution of the 24 building workers.

United We Stand, written by Neil Gore tells the story behind the dispute with popular and political songs arranged by renowned folk musician John Kirkpatrick. It will reflect the great tide of anger, which rocked the very foundations of the established political elite, examine the extraordinary political will of all the participants and share the anguish of falling prey to a flagrant miscarriage of justice. Expect a combination of Townsend Productions' trademark small-cast, grand theatrical style and wit with popular and political songs of the early seventies and Ricky Tomlinson's poems from his time in prison.

Actor Ricky Tomlinson is best known for his TV appearance in the BBC sitcom The Royle Family, who was jailed during the 1970s for his part in a building workers' strike. For 30 years he and the rest of the 'Shrewsbury 24' have campaigned to clear their names. Ricky says, "Four of the Shrewsbury pickets are now dead. The oldest is 89, and I've just turned 75...this play is part of the mission to keep the issue in the public eye. It's a way of reminding the authorities that we're not going anywhere just yet."

Townsend Productions, known for high-octane political drama, has previously created a musical drama about the Tolpuddle Martyrs and a two-handed adaptation of The Ragged Trousered Phil-

anthropists by Robert Tressell.

Tickets £10/£8 members & concessions. To book call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk Also showing at Bridport Arts Centre and Marine Theatre Lyme Regis

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Car boot sale



Social club



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Weymouth Classical Recorded Music Society, with a selection based on musical interpretation of Landscape and Nature, in Reflections On Nature, at the Acorns, Grosvenor Road, from 7.30pm. Further details: Tel 01305 779787

WEYMOUTH: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society start their year of meetings with 'Bees and Pollination', a talk by local Beekeeper Mervyn Bown, advising on suitable plants to grow throughout the year for all types of bees. All welcome at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, for a start at 7.30 pm. Further details available from Julie or Peter on 01305 772533.

DORCHESTER: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet in the Lecture Theatre, Dorset County Hospital Dorchester at 2.30pm. Mike Crankshaw will give a talk entitled "From Stourhead to Mudeford by Canadian Canoe".

BRIDPORT: West Dorset Flower Club demonstration by florist Angie Blackwell at the WI Hall at 2.30pm. Visitor entry £4.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

LYME REGIS: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at St Michael the Archangel Church at 11am.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Bridport History Society will meet at 2.30 pm in the Bridport United Church Main Hall with a second "Show and Tell WWI" session. All welcome, Visitors entry £2.50.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Barnardo's Helpers' Group Cakes & Bakes. Bring some, buy some. At United Church Hall, 10am-12noon. In aid of Barnardo's.

DORCHESTER: Film: 'Fly Away Home' showing at Evergreens Cinema, at Age UK Dorchester, Prince of Wales Road. Lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served during the showing, for just £1.50. Everyone welcome. Details: 01305 269444.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

BEAMINSTER: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at St Mary's Church at 11am.

DORCHESTER: The Thursday Group will meet in St. George's Church Hall, Fordington to hear a talk by Rev Anita Thorne "Memories from 8 years living and working on the Isle and Royal Manor of Portland." Starting at 2.15pm the charge is £1 to cover tea/coffee.

DORCHESTER: Richard Lane, President of Diabetes UK, will talk about the work of Diabetes UK and how the charity is working to improve care for everyone affected by diabetes. At the Dorford Centre (DT1 1RR - opposite Top o' Town car park), 7pm for 7.30pm. The talk will be preceded by the West Dorset Group's AGM. Everyone affected by diabetes is welcome to attend.

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'The World of Hellebores'. An illustrated talk by Diana Guy, a BBC Gardener of the Year and specialist in hellebores, looking at the range of species and cultivars of hellebores for the garden and how to use them to good effect. At 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College, DT2 8PY. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1 at door). Details from 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Workshop on Close up and Macro images. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

WEYMOUTH: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at Holy Trinity Church at 2pm.

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: University of the Third Age Coffee Morning 10am to noon. For the retired and semi-retired to learn (or teach) in groups. Come along and meet the group leaders and sign up for one or more of approx. 40 different subjects, everything from table tennis to geology. At Woodmead Hall, Hill Road. Entry is free. More information about the U3A at lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297 444566.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

BEAMINSTER: Yarn Barton Community Centre Table top Sale in the Public Hall. 9am-2pm. Tables £15. If you would like a table please call Sally on 01308

Love's Labour's Lost screening

THE Electric Palace will be screening the Royal Shakespeare Company's performance of *Love's Labour's Lost* on Wednesday, February 11th. Doors open 6pm, with the screening at 7pm.

Tickets are £10 plus booking fee in advance or £12 on the door. Tickets are available by calling 01308 428354 or 01308 424901, or online at seeticket.com.



COME AND SMILE AT A CROCODILE...

A 140 MILLION year old crocodile found on the Jurassic Coast is now on display at Dorset County Museum.

The 60cm long skull dates from the Cretaceous Period of geological time, around 140 million years ago. It was found in 2007 near Swanage by Richard Edmonds, Earth Science Manager for the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site team. Richard said, "It was a really lucky find. A part of my job is to monitor the condition of the rocks and fossils along the World Heritage Site but you don't expect to find something this spectacular without spending a lot more time on the coast. I have collected fossils for thirty years but this is a once in a lifetime find."

The 'Swanage Snapper' fossil has recently been studied at Bristol University and has been found to be a new species. The full name is *Goniopholis kiplingi* in homage to British author and nature enthusiast Rudyard Kipling whose crocodile characters feature in stories such as the Just So Stories tales. He would have enjoyed the idea of this prehistoric creature waiting just under the surface of a warm freshwater lagoon to ambush unsuspecting prey. Dinosaurs emerging from lush tropical foliage to take a drink would have been gripped by powerful jaws and rolled beneath the water until drowned or crushed to death.

However, this particular crocodile did not have everything its own way – on top of the skull are bite marks from another crocodile, possibly even larger, which bit down with such force that the conical marks of its teeth are still visible today.

The fossil skull is very well preserved, having been buried quite rapidly by lagoon sediment, although its teeth rotted out before this took place. It was slightly flattened by the sediment's weight before it hardened into rock and is surrounded by fossil shellfish, along with a turtle shell plate and a poo (thankfully fossilised too).

Curators at Dorset County Museum are grateful to Jurassic Coast Trust for funding the project and Mowlam Metalcraft for providing the mount for the new display. For more information on the new crocodile display phone 01305 262735 or visit www.dorsetcountymuseum.org.

LE VOYAGE À PARIS

French Chansons performed by Magdalena Atkinson and Philip Clouts

GET in the mood for Valentine's Day with Parisian chic as vocalist Magdalena Atkinson sings a varied programme of well loved songs from the greats, including Edith Piaf, Charles Trenet and Charles Aznavour at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 13th.

Most familiar will be the classic music of Piaf, France's most beloved entertainer, national icon and musical legend. Magdalena's singing is not an impersonation but an interpretation, always heartfelt, sometimes humorous, and highlights are plentiful, from *Milord* to *La Vie en Rose*, *Mon Dieu* to the inevitable *Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien*.

Magdalena's journey with chansons started in her childhood, when her family spent three years in French-speaking Algeria. She was immersed in the language and was deeply touched by the songs she heard on the radio. Later on she studied music to masters level at university and was inspired by classes with the renowned soprano Evelyn Tubb and countertenor Kai Wessel. Combining her singing with her lifelong study of French language and culture, chansons have become the ideal way for her to communicate her love of both.

Philip Clouts is the perfect accompanist for this project, being a composer and pianist both in his own quartet and also in Zubop, described in the Observer as "that spirited, hugely enjoyable jazz outfit, which takes the whole world of music as its home territory".

Magdalena Atkinson and Philip Clouts perform at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 13th at 8pm. Tickets are £10, available by calling 01308 424204.



Magdalena Atkinson

Players plant their magic beans ahead of panto performances

REHEARSALS are going well for Burton Bradstock Players' performances of *Jack and The Beanstalk*, and the cast of all ages are having lots of fun with the dances and songs.

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Please contact Caroline Morgan, caroline.morgan@localfoodlinks.org.uk, to find out more about the Non-Executive Director Role. An Expression of Interest (no more than 500 words) should be sent along with a CV by Thursday 19th February 2015.



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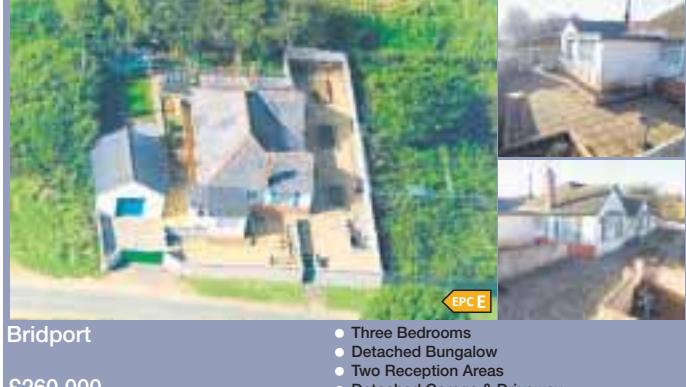


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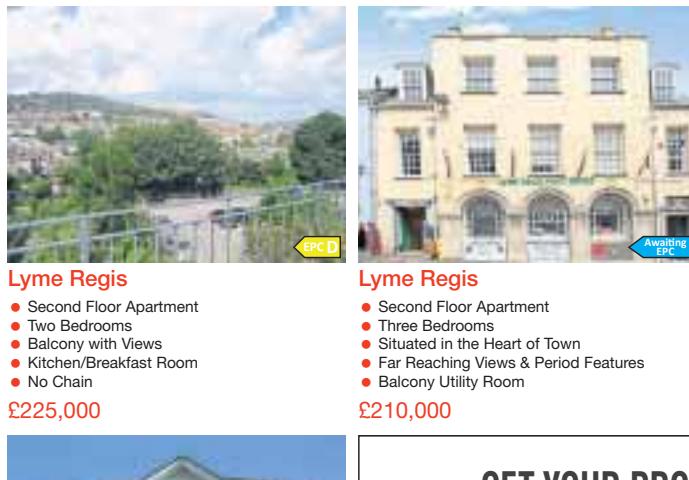


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BUOYED by the success of Captur, Renault is continuing its offensive in the world of crossovers with the launch of Kadjar, the brand's first C-segment crossover.

In a fast-growing and extremely popular area of the market, Kadjar will boost Renault's ambitions on the international stage, as it is due to go on sale initially in Europe and in many African and Mediterranean Basin countries, followed by China.

This sibling to Captur shakes up established thinking by bringing an innovative and attractive proposition to the crossover market. The Renault Kadjar stands out through its fluid, athletic exterior styling. Meanwhile, its interior is both sporty and refined, courtesy of the quality of the materials employed and the attention that has gone into its finish.

Available with either four- or two-wheel-drive transmission, the Renault Kadjar encourages adventure while at the same time delivering easy manoeuvrability in town thanks to its compact footprint (4.45 metres long x 1.84 metres wide).

Furnished with high-quality interior appointments and modern equipment, the Renault Kadjar offers advanced connectivity with the R-Link 2[®] multimedia system, along with a relaxed experience behind the wheel, courtesy of the latest driving aids.

The Renault Kadjar also benefits from a range of particularly efficient engines which position it at the forefront of the segment in terms of low fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions.

The Renault Kadjar will be unveiled to the public at the 85th Geneva Motor Show which

opens to the public on 5th March 2015.

It will go on sale in the summer in both Europe and a high number of countries in Africa and the Mediterranean Basin region and is scheduled to appear in RHD form in the UK in the Autumn.

Renault extends its crossover range

With Kadjar, the Renault Group has showcased its creative ability with a view to conquering new markets and winning over new customers.

The dynamism of the current product offering is reflected in the average age of its range, which has decreased from 4.8 years in 2012 to 4.2 years in 2014. It is expected to reach 3.7 years by the

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In 2014, almost one in every five vehicles sold across the world was a crossover, with the segment enjoying a market share of 23 per cent in Europe and 26 per cent in China. The segment consequently represents a real entry point to the key growth markets targeted by the group.

Captur was the second model to appear in Renault's crossover range after the Renault Koleos. Success was immediate. Thanks to its practical innovations and bold personality, this urban crossover emerged at the top of the European B-segment crossover market, with slightly more than 178,000 registrations in 2014.



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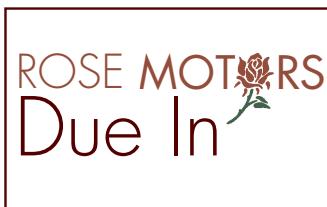


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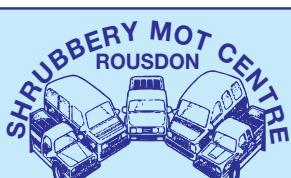
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Local football round-up

WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

As they stand

Hounds' Hutchings Cup hopes blown away

Late Symes strike keeps Netherbury firmly in Division One promotion hunt

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP QF

CREWKERNE RANGERS 1

WAYTOWN HOUNDS 0

SATURDAY'S Quarter-final at Wadham School was heavily influenced by a strong gusting wind.

With the elements in their favour Rangers took the lead midway through the first half through Jack Male.

The Hounds, who drew a blank for the first time in 15 matches, did create a couple of good chances against the wind but were thwarted by some fine goalkeeping from youngster Liam Sparks.

The home team's gloveman continued to pull off save after save in the second half and as the Hounds threw everything at them but the Rangers defence stood firm to grab a place in the semi-final.

◆ Semi-final draw;

Drimpton (Div 2) or Thorncombe (D2) v Crewkerne Rangers (D2), Hawkchurch Utd (D3) v Merriott Rovers (D4).

being there in May.

The Tigers shrugged off the disappointment of having to leave their boggy Henhayes pitch and quickly adapted to Misterton's Unity Lane Ground that is set to be their home for the remainder of the season - and possibly the next too - after the drainage system at their Henhayes home was fractured by an excavator at the start of the season.

Ex-Perry Street striker Liam Riste put Crewkerne on the road to victory on Saturday with an early strike and there was only going to be one outcome from there.

Jamie Spurdle then struck twice before the interval and the hosts cruised to victory with half a dozen unanswered goals after the turnaround.

Spurdle bagged three more and Riste scored twice to complete his own hat-trick with Adam Dawe rounding things off.

New signing Adam Male was joint-manager Ben Cox's choice as Man-of-the-Match. Cox described the game as "a complete mismatch."

LYME REGIS RESERVES 1
WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK 4

A MARK CAWLEY hat-trick consigned Lyme Regis Reserves to their third consecutive home defeat at the Davey Fort.

Things stated well for Lyme with Sam Jones coolly slotting home from the penalty spot after striker Brad Rowe had been felled by the Chinnons' Manager-keeper Matt Alford.

Rowe went close to doubling the lead only to be denied by the post.

The visitors equalised when teenage goalkeeper Toby Fowler scuffed a goal kick and with his defenders doing MoM Cawley nipped in to score.

Fowler went on to put in a fine performance on his full debut for the team.

Lyme then went close twice more - firstly striking the woodwork when Alford acrobatically arched back to get his finger-tip to the ball and then having an effort kicked off the line.

But then a ball over the top caught the Lyme defence square and Cawley cracked home a superb 25-yarder to put the visitors in front for the first time.

The goal frame came to the visitors aid for a third time before Cawley converted at the near post to complete his triple.

Cawley then turned provider with a corner kick that was headed home by Jonny Jackson.

The Seasiders thought they had scored a second only for referee Martin Ives to rule that the ball hadn't crossed the line before being hacked clear by Liam Bennett.

SOUTH PETHERTON 9 MISTERTON 0

SOUTH Petherton crushed manager Karl Diment's old team Misterton for the second time this season to move up to second spot in the table.

Diment is convinced that is where his team will finish: "I don't think Crewkerne will slip up at all, but we want second place and have built up some good momentum."

Dean Smith gave Pethy the lead on the quarter hour and Lee Richards headed home a second 10 minutes later and that's how it stayed until

half-time.

The second-half was a one-way traffic. Danny Rendell headed in number two followed by more from Richards - a fine volley - and Smith.

Top scorer Rich Hebditch then got in on the act with a five-minute double just after the hour to move up to 17 for the season.

Sam Bourne made it 8-0 from the penalty spot before Chard Town man Jamie Underwood rounded things off ten minutes from time.

DIVISION ONE
LYME REGIS BANTAMS 2
WINSHAM UNITED 0

WITH the first team waterlogged off and the Ressies sliding to a home defeat Lyme Bantams were the toast of the Davey Fort after an impressive 2-0 win over promotion-chasing Winsham United at the Woodroffe School.

Lyme Joint-manager Darren Poole said: "It should have been more, we played really well everybody was really on their game."

The Seasiders took the lead when Sam Bevis netted at the far post after a good team build-up move.

Winsham missed a golden chance to level when Lyme keeper Mark Tozer made a superb save to keep out a Rob Long penalty.

But the main action was at the other end with Pete Peacock denied three times by visiting gloveman Jake Hardiman.

However, the Seasiders weren't to be denied a fully deserved win and they sealed the three points when Bevis crossed for top-scorer Shaun Stewart to bravely head home number two to move into double figures for the season.

NETHERBURY 2 CHARD UTD 1

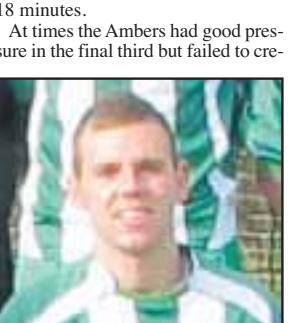
A BELOW par Netherbury made it 2 wins from 2 after beating Chard Utd last weekend 2-1.

The Ambers were slow out of the blocks and it was the visitors who made the better start.

So it was against the run of play when Netherbury went ahead. After a good switch of play Mark Cuff got the wrong side of his defender and was brought down in the area for a clear penalty. Tom Franklin stepped up and calmly drilled the ball home sending the keeper the wrong way.

After this the hosts upped their game and Ryan Gall was denied a goal when his header was brilliantly turned away by the visitors keeper on 18 minutes.

At times the Ambers had good pressure in the final third but failed to cre-



◆ IN FORM: Left back Lloyd Wakeley starred in Netherbury's gritty 2-1 win over Chard United.

ate any further chances and had to be mindful of Chard who were breaking well and had good runners from midfield.

Netherbury needed to improve in the second half, but despite plenty of effort, they could not quite get going and the visitors deservedly leveled with 20 minutes left. After a chipped pass the ball sat up nicely for Scott Miller who smashed in a fantastic half volley right into the top corner from fully 30 yards.

This seemed to stir the home team and after a re-shuffle they started to look more threatening but goal scoring chances remained at a premium.

Just as it looked as though Chard were going to head home with a well earned point Gall played a neat through ball to Chris Symes who, with the defender tugging at his shirt, did well not to go down and curl his shot into the bottom corner with five minutes to go.

"We didn't play very well today and I thought if the game had ended in a draw I would have no complaints, but these three points could be a big crucial come to the end of the season," said Manager Andy Loudon.

Despite a disappointing team performance, assistant-manager Paul Cuff singled out Lloyd Wakely who had a tidy game at left back.

RESULTS

Thursday, January 29th

JOHN FOWLER CUP FINAL

Hawkchurch Utd p Shepton Beau Res p (At Bridport FC)

Saturday, January 31st

D & E DIVISION THREE

Axminster Town Res p Lyme Regis p Axmouth Utd 0 Pinhoe 1
Exmouth Amat Res 3 Chagford 6
Henry's Cronies 2 Exmouth Town Res 2
Woodbury 2 Clyst Valley Res 0

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP QF

Barrington Res (D3) 1 Merriott Rov (D4) 4,
Crewk Rang (D2) 1 Waytown H (D2) 0,
Drimpton (D2) p Thorn Res (D2) p,
Hawkchurch Utd (D39) Crewkerne Res 3.

PREMIER

Combe Reserves 2 Beaminster 1
Crewkerne Town 9 Ilminster Colts 0
Lyme Regis Res 1 W & M Chinnoch 4
South Petherton 9 Misterton 0

DIVISION ONE

Lyme Regis Bantams 2 Winsham Utd 0
Millway Rise 1 Barrington 5
Netherbury 2 Chard Utd 1

DIVISION TWO

Charmouth p Beaminster Reserves p

DIVISION THREE

Chard Utd Res 8 Millway Rise Res 2
Kingsbury Episc 6 South Petherton Res 0
Merriott Dynamos 2 Thorcombe Res 2
Shepton Beau Res 0 Chard Rangers 1

DIVISION FOUR

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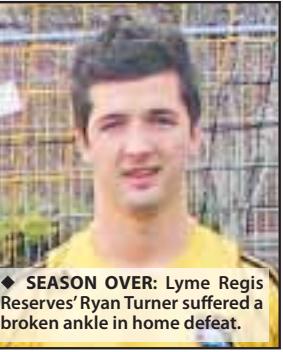
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PREMIER

Josh Hunter (Beaminster) 24,
Dan Smith (Shepton Beau) & Jamie Spurle (Crewkerne Town) both 23,
Mark Cawley (W & M Chinnoch) 19,
Lloyd Wakeley (Netherbury) 19

DIVISION FOUR

Chard Rangers Res v Hinton St George



◆ SEASON OVER: Lyme Regis Reserves' Ryan Turner suffered a broken ankle in home defeat.

Rich Hebditch (South Petherton) 17,
Adam Dawe (Crewkerne Town) 15,
Dan Peach (Shepton Beau) & Liam Riste (Crewkerne Town) both 14.

DIVISION ONE

Andy Whitefield (Barrington) 27,
Sam Dibley (Millway Rise) 16,
Guy Dare (Barrington) 15,

Shane Partridge & Tom Stead (both Winsham Utd) both 14.

DIVISION TWO

Terry Farrell (Drimpton) 21,
Bryan Garrett (Thorncombe) 19,

Paul Gold (Crewkerne Town Res) 14.

DIVISION THREE

Liam Male (Chard Utd Res) 24,
Jamie Brown (Chard Utd Res) & Andy Dymond (Hawkchurch Utd) both 16.

DIVISION FOUR

Ashley Cooper (Merriott Rovers) 28,
Graham Cleal (Combe B) 15.

FIXTURES

Saturday, February 7th

D & E LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

(all 3pm ko)

Axminster Town Res v Axmouth Utd
Chagford v Exmouth Town Res

Clyst Valley Res v Exeter University 5ths

Pinhoe v Cheriton Fitzpaine

Teburn St Mary v Henry's Cronies

Thorverton Res v Woodbury.

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

CHALLENGE CUP QF (all 2pm)

Crewkerne Town v Beaminster
Ilminster Town Colts v Combe Reserves
Shepton Beauchamp v Lyme Regis Res

South Petherton v West & M Chinnoch

Division One Pld +/- Pts

Barrington 12 51 30

Millway Rise 13 19 28

Winsham Utd 14 11 21

Netherbury 12 11 23

Chard Utd 15 3 19

Forton Rangers 13 -1 18

LYME BANTAMS 12 -11 14

Luso-Chard 12 -26 9

PYMORE 11 -17 5

Farway Utd 10 -40 3

Division Two Pld +/- Pts

Drimpton 13 44 35

Thorncombe 12 26 27

Waytown HNDS 14 17 25

Crewkerne Res 10 12 22

Crewk Rangers 14 -10 20

Combe A 14 -8 16

Uplymere 10 12 13

Charmouth 14 -11 13

Beaminster Res 14 -13 11

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Kingsbury Episc 13 27 27

Barrington Res 12 17 27

Hawkchurch Utd 11 16 19

Thorncombe Res 14 -6 17

S.Petherton Res 14 -9 17

Chard Rangers 11 -9 15

Dowlish & Donyatt 11 -7 11*

Merriott Dynamos 11 -6 10

Shepton Beau Res 13 -15 10

Millway Rise Res 13 -31 8*

*Pts deducted

Hockey

Thompson screamer earns Hawks a point

Sidm'th & Ottery A 2 West Dorset Hawks 2
THIRD placed West Dorset Hawks head Sidmouth & Ottery on goal difference only and at the end they were still locked together after a terrific game of high quality hockey.

The West Dorset team welcomed captain Rick Dormor back after injury, but he substituted himself off for the first quarter, allowing the midfield of Dan Wyatt, Alex Davis, Rick Steele and Rusty Coombes, to work out their markers in preparation for the first onslaught from their hosts.

The hosts kept the pressure on the Hawks in the early exchanges, but eventually the visitors organised themselves to cover their offences.

Steve Mearing normally an out and out striker helped the midfield to mark their link pin player in the middle, which did however hamper his attacking options.

The stalemate was broken after striker Mike Thompson threaded a ball through to Rusty Coombes who beat one defender before slotting the ball into the corner.

Sid & Otter always looked dangerous though, and before long they equalised – slotting the ball past keeper Tom Lowe who had no chance.

After the break Dan Wyatt watched from the sideline for the third quarter, while the home defence continued to make it difficult for the home team, but the pressure of some fast movement opened them up again to score another classy goal to take the lead.

It was a great game of hard fought hockey and it was going to need a moment of brilliance to earn West Dorset a point. And that was what transpired when Thompson managed to engineer a brilliant reverse goal out of nothing inside their D to level the scores.

Skipper Dormor said: "It was a superb game,

every player played well, but a special mention should go to the forwards; Steve Mearing and Mike Thompson."

Depleted but victorious

West Dorset A 3 Taunton Vale D 0
IT was only at the 11th hour that West Dorset A managed to put a team together due to injuries and player unavailability against South East 2 league strugglers Taunton Vale D.

As a result it took much of the first half for players to settle and there was little to choose between the two sides in the opening exchanges.

The visitors were mostly reliant on absorbing West Dorset pressure and trying to catch them on the break.

However the home side started to enjoy more of the possession as the half wore on and created the better chances.

They took the lead after 20 minutes. Jason Larcombe fed the ball to Simon Wakely who worked himself a bit of space on the edge of the area before driving a fierce shot into the goal for a half-time lead.

At the interval a call for a bit more attacking width and player movement in the second-half paid dividends immediately and within a minute of the restart the hosts doubled their lead.

John Kellas was left unmarked in front of goal and managed to flick the ball over the keeper into the net after his first shot was saved.

This settled the hosts and they began to control proceedings with Andrew Frampton and Wakely dominating in midfield.

Taunton Vale did occasionally threaten on the break, but West Dorset keeper Lee Herrod was

rarely troubled with the defence of Julian May, Giles Maltby, Henry Middleton and Rob Cox keeping the visitors at bay.

As the half wore on, West Dorset were finding more and more space and winning a lot of short corners and it was from one of these that they put the result beyond doubt with 10 minutes remaining.

Kellas' initial shot was saved, but Rich Wilson was able to put the ball into the middle of the 'D' where Middleton was unmarked and fired the ball low through a group of players and into the corner to complete the scoring.

Captain Middleton said: "Once we got our noses in front I felt that we were mostly in control although we had a few scares.

"It was difficult putting a team together this week and rookie Darren Cook was given his full debut.

"Thanks again to regular umpires Dave Foot and Mike May."

Beaminster toil

Gillingham 2nd 1 Beaminster 2

BEAMINSTER made hard work of beating bottom Gillingham 2nd's, although to be fair there is little to choose between all the teams bar leaders Yeovil & Sherborne 2nd's.

Beaminster, who for the first third of the season looked to be the weak link having won only one point from their first six games, drew level on points with second placed Bournemouth 3rd's with this win, their seventh in eight following the return of several experienced players from injury.

However, they should have won by more had they taken their chances.

Despite a lot of early possession Beaminster

rarely threatened the home goal although Phoebe Stewart's relentless closing down ensured Gillingham had little time on the ball.

They eventually found the net midway through the half when Julia May's cut back from the byline found Genna Bunker who slotted the ball into the net.

Gillingham responded with some pressure of their own and with an experienced midfield and strong young runners up front they forced Beaminster to adjust their shape to ensure they didn't get back in the game through quick counter-attacks.

The changes worked and five minutes after the interval, Beaminster doubled the advantage when May committed the keeper before giving Andrea Thomas a simple tap in.

With so much possession, Beaminster became a little lazy and failed to play their normal attacking game which gave Gillingham chances to counter, although stand-in keeper Sarah Davies wasn't called upon until midway through half.

Finally the hosts' persistence paid off and they pierced the Beaminster defence with a one-on-one which was converted.

This left Beaminster a nervy 15 minutes but they still had a short corner cleared off the line and forced the home keeper into a couple of good saves.

Once again this was a good team performance and beside Phoebe Stewart's excellent play, credit to Iris Garcia and Hattie Stewart for keeping their width down the wings and stretching the home defence.

Beaminster: Sarah Davies, Georgie Simmonds, Jenny Clarke, Tracey Smith, Julia May, Genna Bunker, Andrea Thomas, Iris Garcia, Hattie Stewart, Phoebe Stewart, Holly Clarke.

Channel Div 1	Pld	Pts
Yeovil & Sher 2nd	14	35
Bournemouth 3rd	12	22
BEAMINSTER	13	19
B & SN 2nd	14	16
Salisbury 4th	14	16
Yeovil & Sher 3rd	13	13
Salisbury 3rd	11	13
Gillingham 2nd	12	9

D' Wood Div 1 (top)	Pld	Pts
Tavistock	15	42
Isca C	15	30
WEST DORSET	15	24
Sidm'th & Ott A	15	24
Cambridge Som	15	23
Bude	15	20
PGSOB A	15	18
Plymouth Uni A	15	17
USHC Plymouth	15	17
East Devon A	15	15
OPM A	15	10
Truro B	15	8

SE 2 Div (top)	Pld	Pts
Bridgwater B	12	33
W.DORSET A	12	28
North Devon A	12	25
Ashmoor A	11	20
Chard A	12	18
Bridgwater C	12	18
Sidm'th & Ott C	12	18
Minehead B	12	6
Taunton Vale D	13	5
Sidm'th & Ott D	12	4

Walking Football anyone?

WALKING football is set to be launched in Beaminster.

If you are over 50 and fancy a go at this growing phenomenon why not pop along to Beaminster School all-weather pitch on Monday evenings between 6 and 7pm.

For more information contact Ryan Sweetman on 07803 723705

Rugby

Swans prove too strong for Blues

Swanage & Wareham 2nd 34 Bridport 0

SWANAGE & WAREHAM won handsomely when they visited Bridport back in October and started this match full of confidence.

Bridport were missing several key players and fielded a slightly makeshift team, but in the end gave the hosts a decent contest, despite the final score line.

The hosts had nearly all the possession and territory in the first half and were rewarded with two converted tries and a penalty to lead 17-0. That they didn't have more, says much for Bridport's wholehearted defence exemplified by Jason Kidd standing in at fly-half.

The Swans conceded a number of penalties, but the only kickable one was missed and the few attacks launched by the visitor's came to nothing.

The second half followed much the same vein with the hosts adding a further 17 points via three tries, one of which was converted.

Unsurprisingly given that they were continually on the back foot, Bridport were guilty of missing a few tackles towards the end, but at no time did they give up.

Only once or twice did they have a sniff of the opposition's try line, but the defence was too solid and nothing came of it.

Bridport are home to Weymouth & Portland next Saturday.

Sidmouth U12 35 Bridport 12

THE was hardly a game to remember for Bridport who took to the field with only nine players. With large squad, Sidmouth generously lent four players to keep the game on.

It was heartening to see the boys try and defend the running lines of Sidmouth but with players missing in key positions the task was too overwhelming, and with three quick tries from Sidmouth the game was lost in the first ten minutes.

At 25-0 Bridport played a much better second half, scoring two tries from Finlay Shoemark and Seth Furner. This was then answered by two from Sidmouth but the boys worked hard to prevent the floodgates opening.

Under 11s

AGAINST a well trained Sidmouth squad of fifteen players, Bridport needed to be at full strength, but the absence of captain George Found, and the late arrival of demon tackler Toby Gale meant that Bridport were hesitant, and at half time were losing five tries to nil.

Realising that only teamwork and tackling would stop the floodgates opening, Bridport began to play, and they put Oliver Hansford-Harvey over the try line. However two tries in reply meant Sidmouth won the first 20 minute game 7-1.

The second game was completely different. After a quick Sidmouth try, James Clatworthy began to get the hang of the fly-half position, and the arrival of Toby Gale, invigorated the tackling.

Daniel Smith set an example by driving 12 metres with three of the opposition trying to hold him back, and Araminta Smith playing the full 40 minutes, began to snipe behind the scrum.

Hansford-Harvey was again put through by Clatworthy, but a tiring Bridport let in two late tries to lose the game 3-1.

If Bridport's small but effective squad was reinforced with new recruits, this game could have been won, and therefore reader's are asked to look out for likely young Under 11s who would warm to rugby.

Training is every Wednesday 5pm till 6pm at the club ground by the Leisure Centre.

Sidmouth U9 15 Bridport 9

BRIDPORT played Sidmouth earlier in the season and

had been thoroughly outplayed, but not this time.

Sidmouth did win again, by 15 tries to nine, but were given a much sterner examination, something acknowledged by the opposition coaches who were full of praise for the progress made by Bridport's young players.

Some of Bridport's tackling was exceptional, led by Player of the Match Stanley Cooper and Charles Edwards. There were also some great offloads and a willingness to keep the ball moving.

Try scorers were Barney Johnson (2), Edwards (3), Dom Burdett and Cooper (3).

Dorset & Wilts 2S	Pld	+/-	Pts
East Dorset	14	322	66
Salisbury II	14	325	52
Swanage & Wareham II	14	257	49
Puddletown	14	4	43
Weymouth & Portland	14	207	36
Bournemouth III	14	77	33
Dorchester II	14	-27	30
BRIDPORT	14	-26	28
Ellingham & Ringwood II	14	-237	19
New Milton II	14	-240	19
Wimborne III	14	-307	6
North Dorset III	14	-355	4

Fixtures - February 9th:	
Talbot Arms v Royal Oak,	
New Inn Kilmington v	
Cloakham Lawns 2 Gerrard Arms 3, Lamb Swans	
2 Old Inn Kilmington 3, Royal Oak 2 Axminster Con Club 3.	
Beer League:	
Talbot Arms 0 Nags Head LR 3, New Inn Kilmington 2 Stepps 1,	
Beer Club 0 Ship Inn LR 3, Cloakham Lawns 0 Gerrard Arms 3, Lamb Swans	
1 Old Inn Kilmington 2, Royal Oak 1 Axminster Con Club 2.	
Fixtures - February 9th:	
Talbot Arms v Royal Oak,	
New Inn Kilmington v	
Cloakham Lawns 2 Stepps v Gerrard Arms, Beer Club v Lamb Swans, Ship Inn LR v Old Inn Kilmington, Nags Head LR v Axminster Con Club.	

Table - week 18	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kilmington	18	57
Beer Club	16	48
Axminster Con Club	18	47
Lamb Swans	17	46
Royal Oak	17	45
Nags Head LR	17	44
Ship Inn LR	17	43
Old Inn Kilmington	17	40
Gerrard Arms	18	40
Talbot Arms	18	39
Stepps	18	38
Cloakham Lawns	17	33

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Old Inn Kilmington	17	31
Ship Inn LR	17	30
New Inn Kilmington	18	29
Stepps	18	28
Gerrard Arms	18	28
Lamb Swans	17	27
Nags Head LR	17	26
Talbot Arms	18	26
Royal Oak	17	25
Axminster Con Club	18	23
Cloakham Lawns	17	21
Beer Club	16	19



Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, February 9th:

Portman Handicap R3

Tuesday, February 10th
Rejects v Yo Yo's (40).

Wednesday, February 11th
Aussies Lot (25) v Nelson Nobblers.

Thursday, February 12th
Rough Eight v Lively Lads (15), Broadaoak v Whisky Chasers (28), Denhay Bulldogs (20), The Dingles v Pioneers (23).

Friday, February 13th
Miss The Ball v Brandy Snaps (35), Hidden Talent (40) v Mean Machine.

Nomination Cup - R3

Monday, February 9th
Alleycats v Rejects
Wednesday, February 11th
Countrymen v Stinger
Thursday, February 12th
Shipfaced v Castouts, Nelson Nobblers v Wanderers.

Losers Cup C & D - R2

Monday, February 9th
Brandy Snaps v Unknowns
Tuesday, February 10th
AFAR v Countrymen
Friday, February 13th
Featherbeds v Survivors, Pioneers v Yo Yo's.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers	11	20
Rejects	11	16
Masters	11	14
Rockets	12	14
Shipfaced	10	14
Rough Eight	12	12
Denhay	11	11
Lively Lads	12	10
Outsiders	11	10
Slingers	12	6
The Dingles	9	4
Broadaoak	12	3

Bridport hold league leaders Hamworthy Utd U18 0 Bridport 0

Division B	Pld	Pts
Nelson Nobblers	11	20
U Know the Blokes	12	19
Dingbats	12	18
NBC	12	14
Originals	11	14
Gerryatics	11	10
7' Clock	11	8
Crazy Gang	12	8
LHS	12	8
Miss The Ball	12	8
Bangers	10	7
Mean Machine	12	4

Division C	Pld	Pts
Castouts	12	20
Countrymen	12	20
Whiskey Chasers	12	17
Pioneers	12	16
Bulldogs	10	14
Pinseekers	12	11
Strawpooches	12	11
Alcoholics	12	8
Aussies Lot	11	8
Survivors	11	6
Unknowns	12	6
AFAR	12	3

Division D	Pld	Pts
Yo Yo's	12	18
Alleycats	12	16
Groundhogs	10	16
Offcuts	11	13
Brandy Snaps	11	12
Stinger	11	12
Featherbeds	11	10
Hidden Talent	10	10
Let 'em Roll	10	10
Bad Girls	12	7
Pinbashers	12	6
Tiger Lilies	12	4

Highest individual League score: A.Coombs (Outsiders) & I.F.Parsons (Originals) & I.Reeve (Miss the Ball) all 92.

Bees news

Pitch bogs down Bridport's title bid

WIMBORNE U15 3 BRIDPORT 3

A LATE switch of grounds to Holt United found Bridport playing on a pitch with a middle section that resembled a ploughed field.

This forced the Bees to play a long ball game which suited the home style, and although Bridport took the lead through a well taken Tom Hyde goal, they could not take advantage of having most of the possession.

A series of errors by the Bees all over the pitch saw the visitors trailing 3-1 at half time, but a team talk and reshuffle saw Bridport come out in more determined style in the second half with a plan to bypass the poor area of the pitch.

A poor tackle on Sam Handyside that Bridport felt deserved a straight red card instead of the yellow issued galvanised the team to new levels and another goal from Hyde and one from Cody Bowditch saw Bridport equalise.

They could have gone on to win but were denied who by a number of good saves from the home keeper.

But a share of the points was a fair result for both teams, on a day when the only winner was the pitch.

Bridport currently top the table with 29 points from 11 games, a point ahead of Portland United who have completed their fixtures.

Two of Bridport's three remaining games are against Shaftesbury Rockies who are two points behind also with three games to play, so the games next Sunday in North Dorset, and at Bridport on February 22nd look to be title deciders.

LACKING reliable home facilities, Bridport Youth travelled to league leaders Hamworthy having not played a match for six weeks, and the visitors could have been forgiven for approaching the match with some trepidation.

Such fears were dispelled seconds after kick off when Bridport's Jonah Ayunga attempted an audacious long range shot that almost caught the home keeper off guard.

From that moment on the game was an end-to-end battle that, despite the

final score line, was a thrilling spectacle.

The visitors pressed hard and striker Sam Tabner thought he had scored but the Hamworthy keeper just managed to tip the ball out of the top corner.

At the other end Bridport's Adam Hoskins twice made brave saves at the feet of the home attack.

In the last quarter Bridport were in the ascendancy and Dan Holt saw his shot beat the keeper only to be cleared off the line by a defender and, as Hamworthy failed to clear, Rhys Hayter fizzed a

shot that flew inches over the bar.

As the hosts countered it was Hoskins again who was Bridport's hero, going full length to palm a goal bound shot away.

Bridport Manager Terry Warren said: "From a neutrals point of view it was a great match to watch."

"Having not played for so long I was worried about match fitness but despite a few lads going down with cramp, they all gave it 100 percent."



■ TOP MAN: General Secretary Mark Edmonds presenting Bridport manager Trevor Senior along with assistants Dougie Smith (left) and Lloyd Green with the BOCA Soccer November 2014 Premier Division Joint Manager of the Month award.

Photo courtesy of MARK EDMONDS

Bowls - Bridport & West Dorset Club

Brilliant performance to close Wessex League season

BRIDPORT & West Dorset Indoor Bowls Club's men's team ended their Wessex League programme with another brilliant performance beating MOONFLEET 81-71 overall to finish the season with three victories.

Picking up 12 of the 16 available points, Dave Roberts, Keith Jenkins, Phil Hedges and Bob Taylor had a superb 26-16 win at WEYMOUTH, although Barry Mapson, Brian Walsh, Martin Grier and Chris Thorne lost a last end shoot out 16-17.

At home Max Dare, Brian Galpin, Brian Rumble and Ivor Parker won 27-13, whilst Mel Griffiths, Mike Craddock, Paul Tibble and Brian Conisbee went down 10-11.

best ever

Spokesperson Brian Baker added this is the club's best result in this prestigious league, and great credit must go to the captain Chris Thorne who has had to reshape the side from last season after the loss of several players.

Pamela Daters, Lyn Craddock, Ann

Turtell and Margaret Pestelle were the stars for the ladies in the County League against DOLPHIN (Poole), coming from 10-11 down to win 24-16 to pick up six of the eight points available.

Francis Hewett, Ann Parkins, Laura Taylor and Pat Cornick just missed out on the final two points as their opponents finished 2,2 to win 22-17.

At BOURNEMOUTH, Craddock, Millie Meech, Taylor and Cornick had a fine 22-16 win, a late six count seeing them home for another two points.

Captain Mel Griffiths was on great form for Bridport's B team in the Purbeck Trophy League along with Chris Everest and Brian Walsh as they won 17-13 at BOURNEMOUTH for six points.

Barry Mapson, Mike Craddock and Peter Hunt did their bit for the overall win a late five count saw them lose narrowly 14-16.

With Brian Baker and Mike Higman, Griffiths was again in inspirational form to secure a point against Wellworthy in a 13-13 finish.

Lyme Regis Golf

Mail on Sunday double delight

By Richard Jackman

IN round three of the Winter League Simon Brown's well grafted 37 points was just good enough, on count-back, to beat Steve Piper who continued his recent run of good form, while Chris Browne finished 3rd with 36 points.

Although ladies day again fell foul of the weather, the Mail on Sunday competition a home draw against Cricket St Thomas proved a challenge as all matches went to the last few holes.

Lyme Regis won through with a 5-0 clean sweep, so congratulations go to Melissa McMahon, Jane Southcombe, Jenny Scott, Caroline Baker and Rosie Jackman.

The men also played their Mail on Sunday match against Sidmouth and the blend of juniors George Seed and David Lyon and the more mature heads of Adrian Morgan, David Fidge and Mark Lewis won 3 1/2 to 1 1/2.



■ BEST FINISH: The Bridport home team pictured before their last match of the season against Moonfleet. Back (l-r): Ivor Parker, Brian Rumble, Brian Galpin, Paul Tibble, Max Dare. Front: Mel Griffiths, Mike Craddock, Brian Conisbee.

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Bridport & District Darts

Division One

	Pld	Pts
BSC	15	26
Robs Robbers	15	19
Knapp Inn	14	18
Outsiders	15	17
Nomads	13	17
Hands of Time	14	13
Rubber Johns	14	13
Nags Head A	14	12
It's in the Middle	13	10
The Hitmen	14	8
One for the Vikings	15	3

180s leaders:

	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	13	23
Elders	14	19
Dat Team	13	18
Odds or Us	12	15
Les Miserables	12	14
Poachers	13	13
Royal Hawks	12	9
Anchor Vale Viewers	13	7
Flashes Fives	12	5
The Surgeons	12	3
180s leaders:	3	3
Rowley	4	3
Robin Townsend & Andy Reid	3	3
Both x3, Len Challis & Simon Warry both x2, five players x1.		

Division Two

	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	13	23
Elders	14	19
Dat Team	13	18
Odds or Us	12	15
Les Miserables	12	14
Poachers	13	13
Royal Hawks	12	9
Anchor Vale Viewers	13	7
Flashes Fives	12	5
The Surgeons	12	3
180s leaders:	3	3
Chris Eaton x3,		
Paul Bearpark & Andre Reynolds both x2, seven players x1.		

Division Three

	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters	13	18
Midnight Runners	13	17
Time Bombs	12	17
Mis Fit	14	16
Inbetweeners	12	15
Anchor Five	13	15
Only Just	13	7
The Royal Nuts	13	7
Odds & Sods	11	7
Tip Top Odds	12	7
180s leaders:	3	3
Chris Eaton x3,		
Paul Bearpark & Andre Reynolds both x2, seven players x1.		

Division Four

	Pld	Pts
No Direction	13	18
Robbie's Rebels	13	18
Sorted Odds	14	17
Dodgers	13	16
Whamo	14	15
Tiger Bees	11	15
Con Artists	12	11
Red Arrows	14	8
Money Shot Mafia	13	7
Mozzies Heroes	13	5
180s leaders:	3	3
Billy Hallett, Paul Norman, Dan Rawlings, Bob Rendell & Andy Page (all x1).		

Ladies Division One

	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap	16	30
Anchor Aces	16	24
Clocking In	16	22
Knight 'n' Gals	17	20
Against the Odds	17	14
Queen Bees	17	14
Queens of the Club	17	4
Cliff Hangers	16	4
180s:	3	3
Janet Collins & Tina Dawe both x2, Sarah Chick, Sharon Poole, Liz Vowell & Sue Violet all x1.		

Ladies Division Two

	Pld	Pts
Castaways	15	23
Tracey's Tarts	15	22
Sue's Rebels	15	22
Next Door	15	18
Good Mates	15	12
Wildcats	14	12
Tiger Stripes	15	10
Anchors Aweigh	14	10
Charlie's Angels	16	5
180s leaders:	3	3
L.Sweet x1		

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Controversial goal Bitton blow for Bees

Bridport 0 Bitton 3

Toolstation Premier - att: 89

A CONTROVERSIAL goal midway through the second half destroyed any hopes of a comeback by Bridport at a windy and cold St Mary's on Saturday.

Two goals down at half-time and with Bitton temporarily down to ten men due to a head injury to Jason Thatcher, Bridport were just beginning to look as if they could get into the game.

Then, just after the hour Matt Morley forced visiting keeper John Rendell into pushing his vicious 22-yard shot up into the air before Chris Senior fired the rebound just over the top.

A minute later Senior went even closer as his header thumped against the crossbar before the ball was hacked clear upfield with the help of the strong wind at Bitton's back.

Bees skipper Ryan Hayter collected the ball and began the next attack just in front

the main stand when the referee waved the now recovered Thatcher back on the field close play precisely where the action was, and Thatcher immediately intercepted Hayter's pass, moved forward two steps and chipped the surprised and stranded Ashley Weeks from all of 40 yards.

protests

The Bridport players immediately surrounded referee Andrew Quin from Plymouth, claiming he should have waited until the play was remote from the point where Thatcher joined the field of play as is the norm, but despite protestations, the goal stood.

Both sides had started the match brightly trading corners, with Rendell having to stretch to tip Jamie Filkins' lob, caught on the wind, over the crossbar in the second minute.

Bitton retaliated when three minutes later Matt Barnes shot from the angle of the penalty area took a deflection and hit

the inside of the post before ricocheting to safety.

However the 'River Boys' were much quicker to the ball and despite playing against the wind had more possession. A good three man move in the 10th minute allowed Elan Plummer a clear sight on goal, but Weeks diving to his right turned the ball away.

However, Plummer was not to be denied six minutes later and despite Weeks getting a hand to the ball, he could not prevent the striker scoring after Aysa Corrick had put the striker in the clear on the right.

Bridport continued to force corners, but unlike the opposition they did not attack the ball, allowing the Bitton defence chance to clear.

The Bees had another scare just after the

half hour when Corrick's angled shot beat Weeks and struck Plummer, but Morley cleared off the line, before Plummer's deep cross found Corrick, but he drove his shot beyond the far post.

A long ball out of defence gave Barnes a run at goal but after finally getting around Weeks, he poked his shot wide.

Bitton's pressure finally told two minutes before the break when two Bridport defenders failed to clear and Luke Bryan fired the loose ball into the roof of the net.

With a minute of the first half left Matt Condliffe's persistence saw him win the ball 25 yards out, but his shot scrapped the outside of the near post.

Two minutes after the break, Bryan got a shot away at the third time of trying which Weeks tipped over.

But slowly Bridport began to get more possession, but the third goal incident knocked the stuffing out of them, and despite the introduction of fresh blood in Chris Clarke and Rhys Hayer, the game pe-

tered out as a spectacle.
off form

Manager Trevor Senior said: "We've not been playing well for a few games really. They were a decent side, were quicker and moved the ball well."

"The first half was uneventful from our point of view. We started off alright with four or five corners, but no one attacked the ball allowing them free headers to clear.

"I thought Sean Stewart had a pretty decent game and worked hard the whole game, but other than that we were quiet in midfield.

"We had a little bit of a go in the second half and were starting to get into it, and a goal then could have seen us earn a point, but their third goal killed the game for us, not that we deserved anything out of it."

"We seemed to be playing with fear whereas before Christmas we were playing as if we were enjoying it; we just can't put our finger on it."

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